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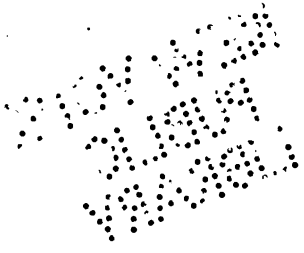

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HUBBELL, HURLBUT, PEASLEE, VAN ARSDALE and WEHRUM—6.

The question of securing the necessary funds for the erection of a new building for a new hall for the Board of Education, on the site corner Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue, was taken up.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a draught of a report requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to take up for consideration and approval, the resolution sent to said Board in October, 1893, requesting the issue of bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditure necessary for the erection of a building for a new hall for the Board of Education, on the site situated at Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue.

Commissioner PEASLEE moved that the report be signed and presented to the Board of Education at its meeting to be held January 8th, 1896.

Adopted.

(For copy of report, see minutes of Board of Education, January 8th, 1896.)

Commissioner WEHRUM submitted a form of resolution, amending Sections 65, 66, 68 and 69 of the by-laws, and moved that the chairman submit it to the Board at its meeting to be held January 8th, 1896, with recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Adopted.

(For copy of proposed amendments, see minutes of Board of Education, January 8th, 1896.)

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HUBBELL, HURLBUT, PEASLEE, PRENTISS, VAN ARSDALE and WEHRUM—7.

The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the lease of the lot at Eighty-second street and Boulevard, in the Twenty-second Ward, upon which a temporary building was erected for the use of Grammar School No. 9 expired on January 1, 1896, and contains a clause giving us the right to remove the building from said lot within sixty days from that date, for which time we must pay a *pro rata* rent—the premises will be required for at least one month from March 1st, at which time the new building in course of erection for Grammar School No. 9 will be ready for occupancy.

The matter of rehiring the premises was referred to this Committee, with power, by the Board on December 18, 1895. Jol., p. 1726.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward be authorized to renew the lease of the premises in question for one month from March 1st, or an extension of the sixty days allowed for removal of the building, on the same terms *pro rata*, as are contained in the lease now in force.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings called the attention of the Committee to the necessity of suspending the sessions of Grammar School No. 97, and the sessions of one-half of Grammar

School No. 101, during the work under contract for making repairs to said schools, which were necessary to render the buildings safe for occupancy.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the CHAIRMAN be authorized to introduce a resolution in the Board authorizing the suspension of the sessions of the schools in question, without detriment to salaries of teachers and janitors.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners BENEVILLE, HURLBUT and WEHRUM—4.

21st Ward—G. S. 14—From Trustees, requesting authority to use the allowance of one-thirteenth of the annual salary of the Janitor for cleaning the building during the summer vacation, as specified in the by-laws, to clean the premises during the Christmas holidays.

Denied for the want of funds.

12th Ward—The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *Jan. 27th, 1896.*

To the Committee on Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: We have applications from the 12th Ward for various work on the schools, on file in this office, as follows:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 43—New flushing troughs, etc.
" " G. S. No. 68—Repair and paint roofs, etc.
" " P. S. No. 21—Erect covered passageways to boys' and girls' yards.
" " G. S. No. 72—Additional water closet for toilet room.
" " G. S. No. 10—Window pole boards, etc.
" " G. S. No. 39—To place door in wall of west playground.
" " G. S. No. 93—Roof repaired and painted.
" " G. S. No. 10—To erect partition, etc., at the foot of middle stairway, leading from boys' and girls' yard.

We prepared specifications and sent to the Trustees in each case, that estimates might be obtained for the work, but thus far they have failed to comply with our request.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Supt. of School Buildings.

Ordered, That said report be printed in full in the minutes and placed on file.

Reports of the Inspectors of the 6th and 7th School Districts with reference to the condition of the school buildings in the respective school districts.

Referred back to the Superintendent of School Buildings, to confer with the City Superintendent to prepare a report for submission to the Board, after presentation to this Committee.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *January 27th, 1896.*

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: We have an application on file from the Trustees of the 23d Ward to build a retaining wall on the westerly line of property, G. S. No. 85.

There is also a request that we should compel the owner of the adjoining property to build a retaining wall, which he is required to do under the law. This he has repeatedly refused to do, and I respectfully request that a communication be addressed to the Corporation Counsel, asking him to take such steps as in his judgment may be necessary, to force the owner of land No. 731 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, running through to One Hundred and thirty-ninth street, to build retaining walls on his property, for the securing of our yards, as per Chapter 410, Section 473, Laws of 1882, which requires, "When an excavation is made on any lot, and it is intended to use part of such excavation, on either the side or the rear of the lot, as an area, or space for light and air, the person or persons causing such exca-

vation to be made, shall build at his or their own cost and expense, a retaining wall of sufficient strength to support the adjoining earth; and such retaining wall shall be carried to the height of the adjoining earth."

The owner referred to declares his intention, and in fact has already commenced the erection of one of these walls upon our property, which I do not believe would be sanctioned by law.

A decision from the Corporation Counsel in the matter will be of value in this case, as well as for future reference.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the matter be referred to the Counsel of the Corporation for a decision in the matter.

Adopted.

The following-named person was licensed for the position of janitor:

11th Ward—G. S. No. 36—Louis Braun.

A license for the position of Janitor was granted to the following-named persons, subject to a suspension of the by-laws by the Board of Education:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 5—Caleb K. Birdsall.
" " G. S. No. 10—John C. Lester.

The following-named person was licensed for the position of Janitor of Grammar School No. 88 in the 11th Ward, subject to the person named notifying the Superintendent of School Buildings that he had secured apartments outside of the school building:

Walter Garrigan.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 19—To rehire the premises occupied by the school for three years.

Denied, having been granted on a former application.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 24—For a new piano for new G. S. 24.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a report be presented to the Board, authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

Adopted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13—To pay Henry Rado, Janitor, $30 per month for rent of premises, outside of the school building, from July 1, 1895.

The Superintendent reported that a similar application was before the committee on October 23, 1895, and denied for want of funds. The regular allowance for rent, 1895, was $208 per annum. Janitor was removed from the building because of the need for additional exit.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board in favor of paying the janitor of G. S. No. 13 the sum of $30 per month, from January 1st, 1896, for rent of premises, and to suspend the by-laws for the purpose, and that the attention of the Trustees be called to the resolution of the Board heretofore adopted.

Adopted.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32—From Trustees, proposing to amend the plans for improvement of the lot, etc.

The Superintendent presented a report that the compromise would be at an additional estimated expense of $300, which was referred back for further report as to total cost of the whole improvement.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 33—To fit up room No. 4, on 1st floor, as a toilet room for teachers in the Primary Department (3 applications).

Denied, the estimated expense being over $200, and the Trustees requested to apply to the Board of Education for authority to advertise for proposals for doing the work.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9—Trustees apply for authority to employ a watchman or engineer to run the heating apparatus until the building is occupied.

The Superintendent reported that varnishing, etc., is now

being done in the building, and heat should be kept up constantly. Authority was given the Trustees on January 21st, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, to employ a man at expense not to exceed $50 per month.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a report be presented to to the Board, confirming the action in appointing a watchman, or engineer, to take charge of the heating apparatus of Grammar School No. 9, from January 21st, at an expense not to exceed $50 per month.

Adopted.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85—To pay bill of Gustaveson & Sons, $223.97, for work done Oct. 3d to 26th, 1895, inclusive, for shoring up westerly side of yards of school, and erecting a temporary fence to keep the children from the excavation, etc.

The Superintendent reported that the work was necessary, and was done under the supervision of the Inspector, who was stationed upon the work of supervising the contract for repairs, etc., underway at that time.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4, Annex—From Trustees, to lease the two houses, Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, for a term of three years, at an annual rental of $450 each.

The Superintendent reported that the premises in question comprised two two-story and attic brick buildings, which could be altered at an expense of about $200 each, so as to accommodate four classes.

The City Superintendent reported "that during the year 1895 P. D. No. 4 and P. D. 34, in the immediate vicinity, refused admission to no less than one thousand applicants," and recommended that the application be approved."

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the Trustees be authorized to lease the premises in question

for three years and five months from February 1, 1896, at an annual rental of $450 each.

Adopted.

23d Ward—P. S. No. 33—Application from Trustees for authority to advertise for proposals for enlarging the school.

The City Superintendent reports that "in the present building there are 492 sittings, with a register number of 350 pupils, thus showing that there is room for 142 new applicants. There are other portions of the city where pupils are out of school owing to the impossibility of securing places near their homes. It would seem that if this money could be used for the erection of new buildings or additions to buildings in the congested districts, it would be for the best interests of the system." * * *

Commissioner WEHRUM moved the consideration of the matter be laid over for two months.

Adopted.

23d Ward—141st Street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues—From Trustees, for authority to advertise for proposals for erecting a new school building on the new site.

The City Superintendent reported that "during the year 1895, the Grammar Department of G. S. 85, a very short distance from the site, refused admission to 162 applicants, and the Primary Department of No. 85 refused admission to 1,632. A new school is therefore needed at the present time, and I would recommend that a building be erected with sittings for about 1,500 Primary and lower Grammar grade pupils."

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a report be presented to the Board, authorizing the Trustees of the 23d Ward to advertise for proposals for the erection of a new building upon acquisition of title to the site.

Adopted.

24th Ward—G. S. 64—From the Trustees, asking for authority to advertise for proposals for erecting fire escapes: also from the

Department of Buildings, requiring that fire escapes be erected in said school buildings.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a report be presented to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

Adopted.

24th Ward—P. S. 46—From Trustees, stating that the old site of P. S. 46 was abandoned at the time of opening the new building, and is not further required.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board transferring the site in question to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to be sold as per the provisions of Chapter 89, Laws of 1881.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, requesting authority to purchase 33 badges, to be worn by the Inspectors in his department, at a total expense of $47.50.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Committee on Supplies be requested to appropriate the sum of $47.50 for the purpose of purchasing the badges applied for.

Adopted.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

No. 1. 7th Ward—G. S. 31—Wooden ceilings for two class rooms, ...	$125 00
No. 2. 11th Ward—G. S. 22—Form a new vestibule at S. front entrance, ...	85 00
No. 3. 19th Ward—G. S. 59—New syphon closet in W. portion of 2d floor P. D., ...	48 00
No. 4. 23d Ward—G. S. 62—Paint roof, . .	170 00
Total	$428 00

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895, the work having been authorized by the Superintendent of School Buildings, as emergency, under the provisions of Section 67 of the By-Laws:

App. No. 329. 4th Ward—P. S. 14—Changing location of door to class room,	$20 00
App. No. 330. 11th Ward—G. S. 88—Increasing size of Principals' rooms on 2d, 3d and 4th floors,	196 00
App. No. 331. 12th Ward—G. S. 37—Pay for altering, etc., heating apparatus,	46 79
App. No. 332. 12th Ward—G. S. 24—Improving heating apparatus,	195 45
App. No. 333. 13th Ward—P. S. 20—Resetting and furnishing new glass backs of urinals,	48 00
App. No. 334. 14th Ward—P. S. 6—Repairing roof, chimneys and smoke pipes,	55 00
App. No. 335. 14th Ward—G. S. 21—New flush out closet on ground floor,	30 00
App. No. 336. 14th Ward—P. S. 6—Repairing cesspool; new hydrants; repair water service pipe,	40 00
App. No. 337. 15th Ward—G. S. 47—Painting,	45 00
App. No. 338. 23d Ward—P. S. 33—Cleaning cesspool,	50 00
App. No. 339. 24th Ward—G. S. 98—Placing coils in N. E. class room, 2d floor,	133 00
App. No. 340. 24th Ward—P. S. 18—Cleaning vaults,	30 00
App. No. 341. 12th Ward—P. S. 19—Pay bill for stoves,	117 28
App. No. 342. 12th Ward—G. S. 57—Pay for furnishing and putting up gongs,	78 00
App. No. 343. 6th Ward—G. S. 23—Syphon attachment to closet ranges,	197 00
App. No. 344. 10th Ward—G. S. 7—Syphon attachment to closet ranges,	196 00
App. No. 345. 10th Ward—P. S. 1—Syphon attachment to closet ranges,	98 00

App. No. 346. 19th Ward—G. S. 6—Syphon attachment to closet ranges, ...	195 00
App. No. 347. 22d Ward—G. S. 84—Syphon attachment to closet ranges, ...	200 00
App. No. 348. 22d Ward—G. S. 94—Syphon attachment to closet ranges, ...	200 00
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12th Ward—G. S. 10—Application from Trustees to pay John C. Lester $398, for services as Acting Janitor during the months of November and December, 1895.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. 43—To pay bill of C. E. Falvey $192.45 for rebuilding wall on northerly side of the school.

The Superintendent reported that "during the summer we "found that this fence wall had been seriously damaged by fire, "and was in such a dangerous condition, that I advised the Trus- "tees to make the necessary repairs before the opening of school "sessions;" recommending appropriation of $185.53 for payment of the bill.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board the payment of the bill.

Adopted.

14th Ward—G. S. 21—From Trustees, to cancel appropriation No. 102, $20.50 found on page 133 of the minutes of the meeting held April 24, 1895, and to appropriate the sum from the Contingent Fund of 1894.

Granted.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 30—From Trustees, for authority to advertise for proposals to repair the roof.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

Adopted.

The following-named applications were denied:

8th Ward—G. S. No. 8—Gas fixtures in two rooms, on 2d floor, also in hall-way. (Allowed on another application.)

12th Ward—G. S. 10—Gas fixtures, etc., for Janitor's Apartments. (Have been put in under the builder's contract.)

12th Ward—G. S. 57—Rubber on steps of fire escape; repair and paint roof. (Referred back to apply for amount of $70.20 for rubber on steps, and to apply to Board of Education for authority to advertise for proposals to repair etc., the roof.)

22d Ward—G. S. 17—Electric light in P. D.; gas stove (gas stove to be purchased from Ward Incidental Fund. Trustees to apply to Board of Education for authority to advertise for proposals for electric lighting apparatus.)

The following-named applications for appropriations from the Buildings Contingent Fund to purchase flags and poles for the following-named schools were denied, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment having allowed an amount sufficient to place flags and poles upon all the public school buildings:

6th Ward—G. S. No. 23, P. S. No. 2 and P. S. No. 8.
9th Ward—P. S. 13.
22d Ward—G. S. No. 28 and 87.
23d Ward—G. S. Nos. 60, 62 and 90.
From Trustees of several Wards for flags and poles.
7th Ward—G. S. Nos. 2, 12, 31 and P. S. 36.
8th Ward—G. S. No. 8 and 38.
9th Ward—G. S. 3, 16, 41 P. S. 7, 13, 24.
11th Ward—G. S. 15, 22, 36, 71, 88 P. S. 5 and 31.
12th Ward—All schools in the Ward.
13th Ward—G. S. 4, 34, 92, P. S. 10, 20 and 40.
14th Ward—G. S. 21, P. S. 6 and 30.
17th Ward—G. S. 13, 19, 79 and P. S. No. 26.
20th Ward—G. S. 26, 32, 33, 48, P. S. 27.
23d Ward—G. S. 60, 61, 62, 86, 90, 91, P. S. 44.

Denied, applicatons not being in proper form and have been, or will be, replaced by others.

From the Trustees of the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d Wards, authorizing the Committee to place flags and poles on the respective school buildings.

Laid over for further consideration.

The Superintendent reported that the Trustees of the 2d, 4th 5th. 16th, 23d and 24th Wards had not, as yet, made answer to the request of the Committee, for authority to place flags and poles on the school buildings in the Wards named.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over and that the attention of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees be called to the fact, and request them to inquire from the Trustees of the Wards named their reasons for not complying with the request of the Committee.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report stating that he had an examination made of the schools from the First, to, and including the Tenth Ward, with reference to the removal of janitors from the school buildings, and found the total number of schools, twenty-eight (28):

Recommending that the janitors be allowed to remain—five.
Already provided with quarters outsides the school—three.
Obliged to remove on account of alterations –one.
Should be removed nineteen—Total 28.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the question of allowing the janitors at present residing in P. S. 15, P. S. 34, G. S. 23, P. S. 7 and G. S. 75 be referred to the Board of Health for their opinion as to whether or not the janitors living in the five buildings referred to shall be retained, or removed from the premises.

Adopted.

From Trustees of the 1st, 10th, 11th, 13th and 20th Wards, objecting to removing janitor's residence from the school buildings.

Placed on file.

From Trustees, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 22d and 23d Wards giving their consent to the removal of janitor's residence from the school buildings.

Laid over.

The Superintendent reported that the Trustees of the 2d, 4th, 7th, 12th, 17th, 19th and 24th Wards had not responded to the request of the Committee, for information as to the cost of suitable apartments, to which janitors now residing in the school buildings could be removed.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that consideration of the matter be laid over and that the attention of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees be called to the neglect, and request said Committee to inquire from the Trustees of the Wards named, their reasons for not complying with the request of the Committee.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following named specifications:

24th Ward—G. S. 101.—Wakefield Repair, Dec. 10, 1895.
23d Ward—St. Ann's ave., New Building, Dec. 9, 1895.
22d Ward—G. S. 87, P. S. 41—Connect with fire alarm, Dec. 13, 1895.
19th Ward—G. S. 77—New iron stairs, Dec. 17, 1895.
24th Ward—G. S. 97—Repairs, &c., Dec. 17, 1895.
12th Ward—88th st. bet. 2d and 3d aves., Heating, Dec. 26, 1895.
24th Ward—G. S. 63—Annex, Temporary Building, Jan. 17, 1896.
24th Ward—Anthony ave., Tremont, new building, Jan. 21, 1896.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the chairman be approved.

Adopted.

An extension of time for the completion of the work under the following-named contracts was granted:

12th Ward—P. S. No. 9.—Sanitary, P. K. Lantry, contractor; dated June 22, 1895; extended to November 13, 1895.

9th Ward—G. S. No. 16.—Furniture, Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 18, 1895; extended to January 2, 1896.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—Furniture, Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works,, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to December 11, 1895.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—Repairs, &c., Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated June 20, 1895; extended to November 14, 1895.

12th Ward—G. S. 10–117th St.—Heating and Ventilating, Blake & Williams, contractors; dated June 4, 1895; extended to January 8, 1896.

15th Ward—G. S. No. 35.—Repairs, &c., Kyntz & Valentine, contractors; dated July 24, 1895; extended to October 18, 1895.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 56.—Heating and Ventilating, James Curran M'f'g Co., contractors; dated August 21, 1894; extended to October 23, 1895.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13.—Repairs &c., Robert L. Warke, contractor; dated July 22, 1895; extended to November 15, 1895.

17th Ward—P. S. No. 22.—Furniture Item No. 2, Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated May 22, 1895; extended to November 23, 1895.

17th Ward—P. S. No 22.—Heating and Ventilating, Blake & Williams, contractors; dated June 4, 1895; extended to December 21, 1895.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 59.—Repairs, &c., John F. Johnson, contractor; dated July 18, 1895; extended to October 17, 1895.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 26.—Furniture, Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to December 11, 1895.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Heating and Ventilating, Blake &

Williams, contractors; dated August 2, 1895; extended to October 25, 1895.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 28.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 17, 1895; extended to January 16, 1896.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 69.—Annex Furniture, Part 1, Andrews School Furnishing Co., contractors; dated April 28, 1894; extended to November 6, 1895.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 72.—Sanitary, John F. Johnson, contractor; dated June 28, 1895; extended to November 15, 1895.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 60.—Addition, Furniture Item No. 3 Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated February 15, 1895.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Repairs, &c., Charles Wilke, contractor; dated July 20, 1895; extended to November 2, 1895.

12th Ward—140.th St. and Edgecombe Av.—From Trustees, extending time for completion of contract of New Jersey School and Church Furniture Co., for Furniture Item No. 4, from September 1st, to November 16, 1895.

Mr. Case, a representative of the Company was present and heard.

Laid over.

22d Ward—P. S. No. 41.—From Trustees, extending the time for the completion of the contract of P. K. Lantry, for sanitary work at Primary School No. 41, from September 14th to December 20th, 1895.

Mr. Lantry was present and heard.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a penalty of ten days be imposed as liquidated damages for non-completion of the contract in the time specified.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a bill of Francis W. Ford, dated January 18, 1896, for a building survey of premises No. 511 West 37th street, amounting to $15.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board, that the bill be paid from the Board account.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Board, notifying the Committee that on January 23d, 1896, he had notified the Trustees of the 12th Ward, that the lease of the premises No. 263 and 265 West 124th street, would expire on May 1st, 1896.

Ordered on file.

A claim of L. H. Briggs, sub-contractor for making repairs, &c., at Grammar School No. 85, under contract of Robert L. Warke, amounting to $620, was received, and referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for approval.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

20th Ward—G. S. 32—From Trustees, proposing to amend the plans for improving the lot adjoining, at an additional expense of $300. (See Minutes, p. 10.)

The Superintendent reported that the Trustees accepted an approval for making the first stairway and basement story fireproof, but objected to the window plan.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved the proposed plans as amended, with the exception of the window, be approved.

Adopted.

23d Ward—G. S. 85—Claim of L. H. Briggs, sub-contractor for Robert L. Warke, contractor for improving the lot, etc., at G. S. 85, requesting payment of $620 for extra work claimed to have been done under the contract.

The Superintendent presented a full report on the matter.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a copy of the report be sent to Hon. John Jeroloman, counsel for Mr. Briggs.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. 10—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Trustees of the 12th Ward be requested to remove the janitor and his family from the School premises, the space occupied at present being needed for School purposes.

Adopted.

12th Ward—P. S. 28—Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Clerk invite the Trustees of the 12th Ward, on behalf of this Committee, to make application to have specifications prepared and estimates obtained for erecting a partition in the Water Closets of P. S. 28.

Adopted.

12th Ward—New Building, E. 88th st.—The Superintendent reported that on February 3, he had written to Harry McNally, contractor for the erection of the new School Building on 88th st., between 2d and 3d aves., as follows:

"I regret very much to be obliged to ask you to defer laying, flooring and sleepers in the 88th st. School Building for one week, in order to allow the Electric Light Conduits to be placed in position. Your contract time will be extended for the same number of days as we require you to delay your work. (See Clause 5th (b) of the Contract.)"

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the appropriation for the payment of wages of Inspectors and Draughtsmen from the Sanitary Bond Account, expired on Dec. 31, 1895, and it is necessary that some provision be made for the payment of the wages of these men, being two Inspectors at $4.50 each per day.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to extend the time limit of the appropriation from Dec. 31, 1895, to February 1, 1896.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, paying the Inspectors of Heating and Ventilating Apparatus from the Appropriation entitled "Heating and Ven-

tilating Apparatus, changes and repairs of," from February 1st to June 30th, 1896, both inclusive.

Adopted.

11th Ward—G. S. 88—Trustee Mundorff appeared before the Committee and stated that Mr. Walter Garrigan, appointed Janitor (see Minutes, p. 9), had secured apartments for residence outside of the School building, etc.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board to allow the Janitor of G. S. No. 88 the sum of $27.50 per month for rent, and to suspend the by-laws.

Adopted.

10th Ward—P. S. 37, Essex Market—The Superintendent submitted a report, stating that plans and specifications for rebuilding Essex Market were all completed, ready for printing, which could not be done until we knew when we were to have possession of the third story rooms occupied by the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a letter be addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, requesting them to expedite the matter of removing the Volunteer Firemen's Association from the third floor of the building, in order that the proposed changes may be made for Public School accomodations.

Adopted.

12th Ward—New site, 91st st. and First avenue—Commissioner PRENTISS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, authorizing the Trustees of the 12th Ward, upon acquisition of title to the site, to advertise for proposals for excavating the site in question and erecting foundations, preparatory to preparing plans for the erection of a new building.

Adopted.

The Superintendent presented a report on the report of the School Inspectors of the 6th and 7th Districts.

Ordered, That the report be presented to the Board, with a request that it be printed in full in the minutes and the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

24th Ward—G. S. 63—From the Board of Health, submitting a report on the sanitary condition of the School.

Ordered, That a copy of the report be submitted to the Trustees of the 24th Ward.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1893:

16th Ward—G. S. 45—To pay bill of M. Abbott's Sons for stove work (emergency),	$27.00
19th Ward—G.S.59—Pay for repairing roof (emergency),	200.00
24th Ward—G. S. 66—Pay for cleaning vaults (emergency),	30.00
Total,	$257.00

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1894:

7th Ward—G. S. 2—Pay for fastening ceilings, etc., in Annex (emergency),	$40.52
7th Ward—P. S. 36—Pay for repairing damage to building, caused by falling of building on E. side (emergency),	156.21
12th Ward—G. S. 95—Pay for repairs to heating apparatus (emergency),	184.27
12th Ward—G. S. 95—Pay for repairs to heating apparatus (emergency),	175.51
12th Ward—P. S. 28—Pay bill for extra repairs (emergency),	71.15
22d Ward—G. S. 58—Pay bill for extending leader, (emergency),	40.00
23d Ward—G. S. 62—Pay for repairs to steam heating apparatus and boiler; truck for ash cans, etc. (emgency),	74.00

24th Ward—G. S. 64—Pay for cutting pockets in floors of the school building for examination as to strength of building etc. (emergency),	35.62
24th Ward—G. S. 63—Pay for cleaning vaults, Dec. 26 (emergency),	18.90
24th Ward—P. S. 45—Pay bill for cleaning vaults, Dec. 26 (emergency),	20.34
Total,	$816.52

The Clerk submitted a number of bills incurred by the officers of the district recently annexed to the 24th Ward, prior to annexation, amounting to about $5,435.36.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

An extension of time for the completion of the following-named contracts was granted:

12th Ward—140th st. and Edgecombe ave.—Furniture Item No. 4, New Jersey School and Church Furniture Co., contractors; dated, June 29, 1895; extended to November 16, 1895.

12th Ward—140th st. and Edgecombe ave.—Furniture Item No. 5—C. Roehr & Son, contractors; dated July 1, 1895; extended to December 19, 1895.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 66—Heating and Ventilating; Blake & Williams, contractors; dated, July 19, 1895; extended to December 21, 1895.

24th Ward—P. S. No. 46.—Heating and Ventilating; Evans, Almirall & Co., contractors; dated, August 6, 1895; extended to January 14, 1896.

5th Ward—P. S. No.11.—From Trustees extending the time for the completion of the following-named contract: Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, dated July 12, 1895, for furniture; extended by Trustees to December 30, 1895.

The Superintendent recommends that the certificate be returned to the Trustees for them to certify as to whether or not

the school sessions were interfered with in any way, as the furniture was not finally placed in the building until December 13th and 14th, two months after the contract time had expired.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meetings held Dec. 26th, 1895, January 6th, 15th, 27th, and February 3d, 1896, as printed, were approved.

13th WARD.—The CHAIRMAN presented a communication addressed to him as Chairman, from Mrs. Phyllis Leveridge, Inspector of the 2d District, reporting certain defects in Grammar School Building No. 34 and its annex in the 13th Ward; also to the filthy condition of the boys' urinals in the closets in the main building.

Mrs. Leveridge and Miss Martin, Inspectors of the Second District, were present, and heard.

The Superintendent submitted a report covering all the defects reported, also reporting the filthy condition of the boys' urinals in the closets in the main building. In relation to the building it is included in the condemnation proceedings for acquiring school property adjoining this school, petition to the Supreme Court having been signed October 2, 1895 (Journal 1895, p. 1405). It is the intention to erect an annex on the ground thus acquired, which will give proper accommodation to the children now housed in the old annex.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Janitor's salary be withheld until he shall properly attend to his duty; that a copy of Mrs. Leveridge's and Superintendent Snyder's reports be re-

ferred to the City Superintendent with a request that he summon the Principal of the School before him for explanation as to why the neglect of the Janitor had not been reported, and that the attention of the Trustees of the Ward be called to the matter, with request for information as to why the Janitor should not be removed.

Adopted.

22d WARD.—Report of Inspectors of the Seventh District as to uncleanly condition of Grammar Schools Nos. 28 and 69 (Journal 1895, pp. 1813 and 1815), also report of Superintendent of School Buildings on the same subject (Journal 1896, pp. 220 and 221).

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the attention of the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward be called to the reports above referred to, and they be requested to furnish this Committee with reasons why the Janitors should not be removed from their respective positions; also the City Superintendent to summon the Principals of the respective schools before him, and ascertain why the neglect had not been reported, and in the meantime the salary of the Janitors in question be withheld until they shall properly attend to their duties.

Adopted.

7th WARD.—Primary School No. 36.—The Superintendent reported the unsafe condition of a large building adjoining Primary School No. 36, and stated that he was informed that the Superintendent of Buildings had entered proceedings in Court to compel the owner to make same safe.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *February* 17th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In the matter of having desks and seats in that half of the Assembly Rooms of the schools, in which the pupils now receive the light over the right shoulder—because the desks and seats face the platform—so arranged that they shall receive the light

over the left shoulder, I would state that it will be impossible, as far as I can see, to have the present folding-top and lifting-seat desk changed or remodeled so as to have the seat reversible. We can, however, use the fast-top desk and chair-seat, which is upon a pedestal, the seat to revolve a half turn, so that it can face either front or back.

The cost of making this change, based upon the calculation of 237 Assembly Rooms, averaging six class-rooms to each, will be about $284,400. If half of each Assembly Room is done, which would, however, make the furniture appear unsymmetrical, the cost would be about $142,200.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Laid over.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a copy of Assembly Bill No. 788, with reference to expediting the matter of acquiring title to sites under condemnation proceedings.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board to the effect that the Bill meets with the approval of the Board, and that the Committee on Affairs of Cities of the Assembly be so notified.

Adopted.

19th WARD.—The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *February* 17th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: With reference to final payment of P. J. Walsh on contract for the erection of new school buildings, Eighty-first street and Avenue A, I beg to make the following statement:

Contract signed on October 16th, 1893, to be completed on January 16th, 1895, total amount $253,000, of which there remains the last payment of $28,000, less $705.91, for a reduction made for weight of beams and girders, as per Schedule, approved by Committee on Buildings, on April 16th, 1894.

The work was completed substantially on time, but delay in settlement has been caused by my disinclination to accept the concrete work in the cellar floor, which differed from that called for in specifications, in not containing as great a proportion of broken stone.

We have kept the concrete under close observation since it was laid some year and a half ago. There seems to be no bad effects from the substitution of gravel for broken stone, and the Contractor insists upon a settlement.

In a letter to me under date of October 4th, 1895, he made a computation that the total value of the stone was $114, and proposed to deduct 40%, $45.60, which he was willing to allow to the City as a compromise for whatever omissions there may be in the concrete work of cellar floor in Eighty-first street and Avenue A School, as he had done the following extra work on the building, to wit:

Put in one new dresser in Janitor's apartments.

Put in three new windows in partitions of 2d, 3d and 4th story halls.

Put in three new windows in partitions of 2d, 3d and 4th ½-stories.

Cemented the north wall above the adjoining property.

Put one new door in the partition, dividing the playroom of boys and girls.

Put round corner bricks to the doors opening on street and avenue.

Raising the seven brick piers of the cornices so that the cornice would look better from the street.

Brass hooks for all class room doors, not called for.

Put up runs in cellar for engineer to get his coal over steam pipes.

Total value, $277.

He also states that this amount does not include sundry other items which he has not mentioned, and which, with this amount, he is perfectly willing to offset against the $45.60, and have both wiped out, if only there can be an immediate settlement made.

Late in December, I laid the matter before the chairman of this committee, and explained the difficulty of determining the question. It was agreed that we should call in for expert advice, two persons, one of whom should be an architect and the other a builder. The men so selected were William Wheeler Smith, architect, No. 7 Wall street, and John J. Tucker, builder, No. 37 West Twelfth street. Their report upon the matter is as follows:

"MY DEAR SIR: I write to you to confirm the opinion expressed to you this afternoon at our visit to school, Avenue A and Eighty-first street, to inspect the cellar floor in company with Mr. John J. Tucker, the builder.

"He and I concur fully that the preponderance of gravel over broken stone called for in specification, has in no way impaired the composition or been adopted to economize, but rather as the conventional mixture to which the contractor was accustomed.

"The foundation as disclosed in the five holes examined was uniform, and seem a very conscientious job."

In view of these facts I would recommend that the proposition of Mr. Walsh to offset the extra work, which he values at $277, against the difference in value of broken stone, be accepted; that an extension of time be granted him from January 16th, 1896, to February 18th, 1896, and that thereupon his final payment of $28,000, less $705.91, be released.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Supt. of School Buildings.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that a settlement be made as proposed, that final payment of $28,000, less $705.91 be approved, and that an extension of time for the completion of the contract be granted from January 16th, 1896, to February 18th, 1896.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following named bills, incurred to enable him to prepare the plans for a new building at Ninety-first street and First avenue:

Theodore Cooper—Examination and borings, lot on N. W. corner Ninety-first street and First avenue, January 29,	$211.25
Francis W. Ford—Building survey,	45.00
	$256.25

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bills in question be paid from the bond account.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Superintendent be authorized to employ the following named assistant draughtsmen:

One for work on new buildings (Bond Account), wages not to exceed $25 per week.

One for sanitary work (Sanitary fund), wages not to exceed $10 per week.

One for heating and ventilating work (Heating and Ventilating fund), wages not to exceed $25 per week.

And that the matter be reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Committee on School System be requested to prepare an amendment to the by-laws regulating Janitors' salaries, by which this Committee may authorize the removal of Janitor's residence to premises outside of the school building, and to allow $30 per month for rental, in the discretion of this Committee.

Adopted.

24th WARD—G. S. 64 Annex—William J. Oliver to be licensed as a Janitor.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that Mr. Oliver be licensed for the position of Janitor for the Annex G. S. 64, and owing to the fact that he cannot secure apartments for his residence within 500 yards of the school building, he be authorized to secure apartments at a greater distance from the school, but that he remain on the school premises during school hours, and that the

Board be requested to suspend the by-laws so far as it relates to this case.

Adopted.

19th WARD—G. S. 70—Mr. Francis R. McKiever was licensed as Janitor.

10th WARD—P. S. 37—Mr. Louis Fricke was licensed as Janitor, license to continue until the building is heated by other apparatus than stoves.

18th WARD—G. S. 40—From John Elliott, Janitor, requesting an allowance of $35 per month for rent, to enable him to remove from the school premises.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the Janitor of G. S. 40 be allowed $30 per month from March 1st, 1896, for rent of premises within 500 yards of the school building, and that the by-laws be suspended for this purpose.

Adopted.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that all applications from Trustees to remove Janitors from the school premises and fit up the Janitors' apartments for school purposes, be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Adopted.

6th, 9th and 10th WARDS—A communication was received from the Board of Health, in answer to the action of the Committee, taken January 27th (bottom of p. 17 of minutes), in which they object to Janitors being permitted to reside in the following named school buildings: 6th Ward, Grammar School No. 23; 9th Ward, Primary School No. 7, and consenting to the Janitor of the following named school building residing in the school premises: 10th Ward, Grammar School No. 75.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees of the 6th and 9th Wards be notified that the Janitors of Grammar School

No. 23, and Primary School No. 7, respectively must look for apartments within 500 yards of the school premises.

Adopted.

7th WARD—From Mr. W. B. L. Story, offering to lease the property on N. E. corner of Monroe and Jefferson streets, for school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that the buildings and property, as a whole, is not available for school purposes, for the reason that the main building is six stories high and not fire proof.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

From the Trustees of the 4th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 23th and 24th Wards, giving consent to the Board of Education to advertise in bulk for supplying American flags, flag-poles, etc., for the several school buildings.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, authorizing this committee to advertise, in bulk, for proposals for supplying American flags and flag-poles for all school buildings under the control of this Board which are not supplied with such as required by Chapter 222, Laws 1895.

Adopted.

1st WARD—G. S. 29—To increase the salary of the Janitor from January 1, 1896.

The Superintendent reported that the increase, as per by-laws, has already been allowed on January pay roll.

Placed on file.

5th WARD—G. S. 44—Two piano covers of cloth, one for M. D. and one for F. D.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

11th WARD—G. S. 88.—Pay Mrs. Margaret C. Fargo, for services as Acting Janitrix, from December 14, 1895, to January 31, 1896.

The Superintendent reported that the Janitor, Mr. Fargo, died on December 14, and his salary was paid up to that date. Mrs. Fargo, who acted as Janitrix, is, therefore, entitled to $75.93 for the month of December, 1895, and $150 for the month of January, 1896.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that Mrs. Fargo be paid $150 for services rendered during the month of January, 1896, and the matter of payment of claim for December, 1895, be laid over to ascertain condition of the funds.

Adopted.

12th WARD—P. S. 23 and Annex G. S .57.—To renew lease. Awaiting report of City Superintendent.

11th WARD—P. S. 5.—To lease premises No. 624 Fifth street, as a temporary quarters for P. S. 5, while new building to be erected is in course of construction, at an annual rental of $2,500, the owner reserving the use of the building from 3:30 to 6 o'clock P. M.

The Superintendent reported the building suitable, and had been approved by the Department of Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that it is the opinion of the Committee that no property should be hired for school purposes, unless the Board can have full possession.

Adopted.

12th WARD—P. S. 28.—For a partition to separate boys' and girls' water closets; new sink.

The Superintendent reported, that application is dated February 7, 1896, and filed on February 8, 1896, and that the work had been substantially performed on the 5th and 6th instant. As the work is done, it will, therefore be impossible for the Trustees to comply with the rules in respect to obtaining three estimates upon specifications prepared in this office, and it will be necessary, if the Committee desire to waive this, that the Trus-

tees forward the bill for the work to be presented to the Committee for their action.

Laid over.

11th WARD—G. S. No. 71.—To pay bill of Dorn & Bro. $8, for repairing Janitor's range and lamp outside, from balance of appropriation of $35, made from the Buildings Contingent Fund October 30, 1895, for putting in a washout closet in G. S. 71.

Granted.

12th WARD—From Trustees to provide accommodations for the Janitors outside of the school building.

Granted provided the amount of rental in each case does not exceed the allowance at present prescribed in the by-laws.

12th WARD—P. S. 28.—Board of Health in reference to the sanitary condition of the school, recommending the division of playroom, and that additional windows be constructed on the easterly side for better light and ventilation, etc.

The Superintendent reported that "the division has been erected in the play ground, but the construction of new windows and other general repairs cannot be done until vacation, when school is closed."

Ordered on file.

12th WARD—G. S. 43, P. D.—For a new piano for the Kindergarten room.

The Superintendent reported a piano needed for this room.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for supplying the piano in question.

Adopted.

20th WARD—G. S. 32.—The Superintendent submitted an agreement made between the School Trustees of the 20th Ward

and Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works and their sureties amending the specifications of contract made for furniture for Grammar School No. 32, as follows:

"In lieu of twenty lifting seat settees of cherry, each nine "feet long (see specifications, page 8) there be supplied by said "parties of the second part two supply cases of oak, 5x7 feet, "with paneled doors; six platform chairs and one revolving "chair, of same style as used by the Board of Education."

No additional expense.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved this committee concur in said agreement.

Adopted.

22d WARD—G. S. 87.—For a new staircase of iron and stone, in place of the main visitors' stairway now constructed of wood.

The Superintendent reported this was not provided for in the budget for 1896, and we have not the funds to make this change unless there might be some unexpended balance in the funds available for that Ward.

Laid over.

23d WARD—G. S. 85.—Principal of Primary Department, addressed to Trustees 23d Ward, applying for school accommodations.

Referred to the Trustees 23d Ward to make the necessary application if they deem it necessary.

23d WARD.—To lease the premises No. 599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street for school purposes.

(This matter was referred to the Committee with power.)

Awaiting report from Department of Buildings.

24th WARD—G. S. 102.—To advertise for proposals for erecting a new school building at City Island.

The Superintendent reported that a building to accommodate eight classes can be erected at a cost of about $32,000, provided

it is built similar to that recently erected at Fox, Simpson and 167th streets, now known as P. S. No. 33. This building is a one story and basement high, with eight class rooms on the first floor, basement being of stone, and first story of brick. If a frame structure is substituted for brick, the saving would be about $2,000.

City Superintendent to report.

24th WARD.—To rent a building, at City Island, Main street and Fordham avenue, for school purposes, at a rental of $15 per month.

The Superintendent recommended that the premises be hired, the rent being reasonable, provided the owner puts the building in good condition upon stone foundations, erects stoops, etc., for easy access to the school rooms, and erects a water closet large enough to accommodate the one class of children which will attend the school.

City Superintendent to report.

From the E. Howard Clock and Watch Co., with reference to supplying electric clocks for the Hall of the Board; also

From the Standard Electric Clock Co.

Referred to the Superintendent for report.

From the Pastor and Clerk of the First Baptist Church, Kingsbridge, for use of the school house now vacated.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the applicants that the property is now in the possession of the Comptroller of the City.

13th WARD—G. S. No. 34.—From the Committee on Sites requesting this Committee to communicate with the Trustees of the Thirteenth Ward and see if temporary quarters cannot be obtained for the children in the vicinity of Grammar School No. 4 in view of the fact that application has been made to rebuild Grammar School No. 4.

Commission WEHRUM moved that the Committee on Sites be respectfully informed that it is impossible to find suitable quarters large enough to accommodate the 2,313 pupils of Grammar

School No. 4 and request them to secure a site for the school as speedily as possible.

Adopted.

The Chairman laid the following communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings before the Committee, saying that it had his approval:

NEW YORK, *January* 16th, 1896.

HON. JOSEPH J. LITTLE, *Chairman, Committee on Buildings.*

DEAR SIR: In reference to Inspectors on new school buildings, would state that at present we have but two school buildings under construction, as far as mason work is concerned, and one nearly completed, in which carpenter work is being carried on.

Since January, 1895, we have at various times dropped seven or eight Inspectors, on account of the work upon which they were engaged being completed, and no other work being in progress to which they could be transferred.

We have from time to time received applications from different sources for the position of Inspector, some of these seeming to be superior to the men whom we have dropped. It seems to me that the correct way to select these men would be by competitive examination, which could be held in the near future, when all those men from whom we have received application, as well as those we have dropped, could be notified to be present. We could look over the examination papers, etc., of the several applicants, and select those which in our judgment seem to be best.

Please advise me if this meets your views, as I desire to present the matter for action of the Committee.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Supt. of School Buildings.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the proposition made by the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

An extension of time for the completion of contracts was granted as follows:

7th WARD—G. S. No. 2.—Fire Alarm Connection—Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; dated July 23d, 1895; extended to December 24, 1895.

12th WARD—G. S. No. 93.—Heating, etc.—James Curran Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 26, 1895; extended to January 17th, 1896.

12th WARD—G. S. No. 43, ADDITION.—Furniture Item, No. 3—Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated April 1st, 1895; extended to January 20th, 1896.

12th WARD—140th st. and Edgecombe ave.—New building.—P. Gallagher, contractor; dated May 12th, 1894; extended to February 10th, 1896.

13th WARD—G. S. No. 40.—Fire alarm connections—Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; dated July 23d, 1895; extended to December 24, 1895.

16th WARD.—G. S. No. 55.—Furniture—Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 17th, 1895; extended to October 22d, 1895.

22d WARD—G. S. No. 87, ADDITION.—Furniture Item, No. 3.—Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated March 20th, 1895; extended to January 14th, 1896.

12th WARD—G. S. No. 37. The CHAIRMAN reported that on January 28th, 1896, he approved the specifications for a new annex to and improving the premises of G. S. No. 37.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The following-named applications were denied:

10th WARD—G. S. No. 75. New Ash Elevator. (Included in specifications.)

11th WARD—G. S. No. 71.—Croton water feeding pipes to

boiler and connections. (Upon inspection, the Superintendent reported that the appropriation was not necessary.)

12th WARD—G. S. No. 24.—For a new piano. (Already allowed.)

12th WARD—G. S. No. 57.—A wooden screen, 14x8 ft. for the yard, to shut out view of closets from a class room. (This was denied on October 23, 1895, as the amount asked for, $18, was so small that it could be paid from the Incidental Fund of the Ward.)

17th WARD—P. S. No. 26.—Repair and paint ceiling on main stairway. (Not dangerous and can wait until the summer vacation.)

22d WARD—New furniture for main room, F. D. (Trustees to apply for authority to advertise.)

22d WARD—G. S. No. 84.—To pay William F. Palmer, Janitor of G. S. No. 84, rent allowance from May 13th, 1886, to April 25th, 1888. (No funds.)

24th WARD—G. S. No. 98.—Eighteen Primary desks and seats for Primary pupils. (Have been furnished from the storehouse.)

19th WARD—G. S. No. 74.—For a new 8-in. Ryder pump and connections.

The Superintendent reported the present pump worn out, and it would not pay to repair it.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for supplying a new pump.

12th WARD—New building 119th st. and Madison ave.—Trustees apply for an appropriation of $2,342.60 to pay bill of Wood & Tolmie for extra work.

The Superintendent reported that this work was approved by this Committee on September 26, 1895. (Minutes 1895, pp. 282–3–4.) The quantity is certified to by Francis W. Ford, City Surveyor, and charges are correct as agreed upon.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bill be paid from the Bond Account.

12th WARD—G. S. No. 86.—To pay bill of Kranich & Bach, dated February 2, 1895, amounting to $10, for regulating and tuning a piano.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

22d WARD.—G. S. No. 84.—To pay two bills of John J. White for work done at G. S. No. 84;

Oct. 25 to 31, 1895, $35.66.—Nov. 10 to 29, 1895, $34.29. From unexpended balance of Appropriation No. 128, made June 4th, 1895, made from the Buildings Contingent Fund for a cellar drain for G. S. No. 58 (balance $40) and from balance of Appropriation No. 174, made from the Buildings Contingent Fund for vacation repairs to G. S. No. 58 (balance $25.00).

The Superintendent reported that there are two items, $5.50 and $1.80, in the bill of $35.61, for furniture charges, and are not chargeable to the Buildings Contingent Fund, and recommended that these two items be stricken from the bill, and the remainder, $62.60, be paid from the unexpended balances amounting to $65.

Granted.

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

4th WARD—P. S. No. 14.—New furniture, west rear room, 3d floor, ...	$172 00
7th WARD—G. S. No. 31.—4 high, 6 low and 2 library chairs, ...	35 75
8th WARD—G. S. No. 8—Additional gas fixtures; also a gas radiator or stove for Principal's room, top floor, ...	47 45
10th WARD—G. S. No. 7.—Additional heating coils in class rooms Nos. 16 and 17, ...	78 00
19th WARD—G. S. No. 18.—Galvanized iron gutter and leaders, with connections, etc., . .	65 00
23d WARD—G. S. No. 62.—Radiator for Principal's room in Grammar and Primary Department, .	38 00
23d WARD—G. S. No. 61—New wash-out closets (4), .	160 00
Total, ...	$596 20

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895, for payment of bills incurred as an emergency :

15TH WARD—G. S. No. 47.—Repairs to boiler (Dec.),	$35 05
24TH WARD—G. S. No. 63.—Pay for cleaning vaults (Dec.),	18 90
Total,	$53 95

23d WARD—P. D. No. 60.—The Superintendent submitted a communication from Charles Mellen, Assistant to the Counsel to the Corporation, giving notice that in the case of D. F. Gibb *vs.* The Mayor to recover $725, deducted by the Trustees of the 23d Ward from Mr. Gibb's contract for sanitary work at Primary Dept. No. 60, dated July 23, 1895, as liquidated damages for non-completion of the contract in the time specified, the jury, Judge Charles P. Daly, presiding justice, found a verdict in favor of Mr. Gibb for the full amount demanded in the complaint.

On motion of Commissioner PRENTISS it was decided not to appeal the case.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board authorizing Trustees to advertise for proposals for making repairs, etc., during the summer vacation.

Repairs.

WARD.	
1.	G. S. No. 29 and P. S. No. 15.
4.	P. S. No. 14.
6.	P. S. Nos. 2 and 8.
7.	G. S. Nos. 12, 31, P. S. No. 36.
8.	G. S. Nos. 8 and 38.
9.	G. S. Nos. 3, 41, P. S. No. 7, 13 and 24.
10.	G. S. Nos. 20, 42, 75, P. S. No. 1.
11.	G. S. Nos. 15, 22, 36, 71, 88, P. S. Nos. 5 and 31.
12.	G. S. Nos. 39, 43, 46, 54, 57, 68, 72, 78, 83, 89, 93, 95, P. S. Nos. 3 and 28.
13.	G. S. Nos. 4, 34, P. S. Nos. 10, 20, 40.
14.	G. S. No. 21, P. S. No. 6 and 30.
15.	G. S. Nos. 35, 47, P. S. No. 25.
16.	G. S. Nos. 11, 45, 55, 56.
17.	G. S. Nos. 13, 19, 25, 79, P. S. No. 26.
18.	G. S. Nos. 40, 50, P. S. No. 4 and 29.
19.	G. S. Nos. 18 27, 53, 59, 70, 73. 74, 76, 77, 82, P. S. 17 and 35.
20.	G. S. Nos. 26, 33, 48.
21.	G. S. Nos. 14, 49, P. S. No. 16.
22.	G. S. Nos. 17, 28, 51, 58, 69, 84, 87, 94, P. S. No. 41.
23.	G. S. Nos. 60, 61, 62, 90, 91.
24.	G. S. Nos. 63, 64, 65, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, P. S. Nos. 39 and 47.

Sanitary.

WARD.	
1.	P. S. No. 15.
2.	P. S. No. 34.
4.	P. S. No. 14.
8.	G. S. No. 38.
9.	P. S. No. 24.
10.	P. S. No. 1.
11.	G. S. No. 71.
12.	G. S. Nos. 46, 54, 57, 78, 86, 93, P. S. No. 3.
13.	P. S. Nos. 10, 20, 40.
14.	P. S. Nos. 6 and 30.
15.	G. S. Nos. 35, 47 and P. S. 25.
16.	G. S. Nos. 11, 45, 55.
17.	G. S. No. 19, P. S. No. 26.
19.	G. S. Nos. 18, 53, 74, 77.
20.	G. S. Nos. 26, 33, 48.
21.	G. S. No. 49, P. S. No. 16.
22.	G. S. Nos. 17, 69, 80, 84, 94.
23.	G. S. No. 61 and 90.
24.	G. S. Nos. 63, 65, annex G. S. No. 97, G. S. Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, P. S. No. 39.

Heating Ventilating.

WARD.	
1.	G. S. No. 29.
7.	G. S. No. 31.
8.	G. S. No. 8.
10.	G. S. No. 20 and P. S. No. 1.
11.	G. S. No. 22.
12.	G. S. No. 68, P. S. No. 21.
13.	P. S. No. 40.
17.	G. S. No. 19.
19.	G. S. No. 70.
21.	G. S. No. 49.
23.	G. S. No. 90.
24.	G. S. No. 63.

New Furniture and Repairs of.

WARD.	
1.	G. S. No. 29.
6.	P. S. No. 2 and 8.
7.	G. S. No. 12 and 31.
8.	G. S. No. 38.
9.	G. S. No. 41, P. S. No. 24.
11.	G. S. No. 22.
12.	G. S. Nos. 37, 57, 95.
13.	G. S. Nos. 4 and 34.
14.	P. S. Nos. 6 and 30.
15.	G. S. Nos. 35 and 47.
16.	G. S. No. 11.
18.	G. S. No. 50.
19.	G. S. Nos. 18, 27, 59, 70, 73, 77, 82, P. S. 35.
20.	G. S. No. 26, P. S. No. 27.
21.	G. S. No. 14.
22.	G. S. Nos. 80, 84, 87, 94.
23.	G. S. No. 60, P. D. No. 60, G. S. Nos. 61 and 90.
23.	G. S. Nos. 65, 99, 101, P. S. No. 38.

ARTHUR McMULLIN.
Clerk.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

Commissioners ADAMS and WEHRUM were excused for absence from this session.

The minutes of the meeting held February 17th, were amended as follows:

Page 34—Ninth line from top of page, striking out the word "named" and inserting the word "designated."

Page 34—Eleventh line from bottom of the page by inserting the words "not to exceed" before the figures "$30."

The minutes of the meeting held February 17th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Report of Superintendent of School Buildings, in regard to changing position of desks and seats in Assembly Rooms, etc. (See minutes, pp. 30, 31.)

Laid over for report of the City Superintendent.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—For a partition to separate boys' and girls' water closets; also for a new sink.

Trustees to file the bill.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 87.—For a new staircase of iron and stone in place of the main visitors' stairway now constructed of wood.

Not included in the Budget, therefore, laid over until condition of funds can be ascertained.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 102, Annex, City Island.—To rent a building on corner of Main street and Fordham avenue, for class room purposes, at a rental of fifteen dollars ($15) per month, until the new school building to be erected at City Island is completed.

The City Superintendent reported that the building "is very much needed at the present time, as an annex to G. S. 102, and from information duly received I am of the opinion that the building in question is suitable for the instruction of the additional class for which accommodations are needed." (See minutes, p. 40), for Superintendent of School Buildings report.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that the application be granted.

Adopted.

24th Ward—G. S. 102.—To advertise for proposals to erect a new building for G. S. No. 102 on site at City Island, recently acquired.

The City Superintendent reported that "the existing building is both inadequate to, and unsuitable for school purposes." (See minutes, pp. 39, 40.)

Commissioner PRENTISS moved to recommend to the Board that the application be granted.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, in which he states that the city has just received title to the plots of ground on the north side East 4th street adjoining P. S. 5; the west side of St. Nicholas avenue, between 126th and 127th street; Trinity avenue, between 135th and 136th street; 173d street and Fulton avenue, in rear of G. S. No. 63, and Fordham avenue, City Island, and requested a decision as to the order in which the new buildings shall be erected.

In connection with the above, a communication was received from the City Superintendent in which he recommended that

new school buildings be erected in the following designated order:

11th Ward—Primary School No. 5.
23d Ward—Trinity avenue, between 135th and 136th street.
24th Ward—Fordham avenue, City Island.
24th Ward—Rear of G. S. No. 63, 173d street and Fulton avenue.
12th Ward—St. Nicholas avenue, between 126th and 127th street.

Truant School—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *March 2d, 1896.*

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: With reference to resolution offered by Commissioner Beneville, and adopted at the last meeting of the Board (see page 321 of the Minutes),

"*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Buildings to report to this Board, what buildings, if any, under its control, can be utilized for the purpose of such (truant) school."
"*Resolved*, That the said Committee report at the same time what repairs and alterations may be necessary to make the building selected suitable for the purpose, together with a statement of the probable cost of such repairs and alterations."

Would respectfully report that all the unoccupied school buildings have been turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for sale on our account, and are as follows:

G. S. No. 81, Seventeenth street, near Sixth avenue. Size 25 x 95 feet.

Old G. S. No. 24, Elm street, near Leonard street. Size 75 x 95 and 24 x 45 feet. Now occupied by the Fire Department.

G. S. No. 66, Kingsbridge. Size 220 by an average of 110 feet. The building, however, is small, being only 32 x 40 feet, with a wing 22 x 47 feet.

Old G. S. No. 62, Third avenue near One hundred and fifty-seventh street. Size of ground, 230 x 170, the building being 42 feet by an average of 80 feet, with one wing 52 x 55 feet.

Any one of these can be withdrawn from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, but the premises of old G. S. No. 62, seems the only one which would be suitable for the purpose. The building contains 25 classrooms and 2 assembly rooms, and when we abandoned it a year and a half ago, was in very good condition. It has, however, been occupied for various purposes since that time, among others for a box manufactory, and by the Department of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th wards.

As near as I am able to judge, I think the building will accomodate one hundred boys very comfortably, and my estimate for fitting up, etc., has been made upon that basis. It is the same as that presented to the Hon. Charles Bulkley Hubbell, at his request, on December 17th, 1895:

Repairs to the building, ...	$3,000
Sanitary work, which includes new closets for pupils, baths, wash sinks, wash trays, etc., and all new plumbing required throughout the building, . .	5,000
Heating, etc., ...	1,500
Fitting up kitchen and providing the necessary utensils for the preparation of food, etc., ...	775
Laundry, ...	125
Crockery, ...	125
Beds, bedding, etc., ...	1,000
Furniture, ...	1,000
	$12,525

The amount of the three last items does not include any allowance for articles to be used at private tables or for fitting up quarters for a Superintendent, teachers or janitor, who might

reside in the building, as we have no definite information as to the grade of furnishings, etc., for these apartments.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Supt. of School Buildings.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the matter be reported to the Board.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted the following report on cost, etc., of providing apartments for the Janitors in the several school buildings:

1st Ward—G. S. 29.—Janitor lives outside the building.

1st Ward—P. S. 15.—Janitor occupies 5th story; rooms are of no use for school purposes.

Trustees ask that he be allowed to remain, and that they can obtain no suitable apartments for him in the vicinity.

2d Ward—P. S. 34.—Janitor occupies rear portion of 1st story; could be moved into attic and a room in 3d story.

No application from Trustees.

4th Ward—G. S. 1.—Janitor occupies 4 rooms at front, 1st story. Trustees apply for removal, and an allowance of $250 per year for rent.

We find apartments can be secured at a rental of $16 to $18 per month.

4th Ward—P. S. 12.—Janitor lives outside of building, but uses one room, 1st floor front.

4th Ward—P. S. 14.—Janitor occupies 4 rooms, 1st story front, and kitchen in cellar.

Trustees apply for his removal, and an allowance of $250 per year for rent.

We find apartments can be secured as follows: 5 rooms, no bath, $18 to $30 per month.

5th Ward—G. S. 44.—Janitor occupies 1st story front, and rooms in basement.

Trustees ask for removal, and an allowance of $30 per month for rent.

We find apartments can be secured as follows: 5 rooms, no bath, $25 per month.

5th Ward—P. S. 11.—Janitor occupies 1st story front and basement.

Trustees ask for removal; no report as to cost of apartments.

We find apartments can be secured as follows: 5 rooms, no bath, $17.

6th Ward—G. S. 23.—Janitor occupies rooms on 5th floor.

Trustees ask that he be allowed to remain, and report cost of apartments from $25 to $45.

We find apartments can be secured in vicinity as follows: 5 rooms, no bath, $22; but accommodations are poor.

Board of Health recommends that he should be removed from building.

6th Ward—P. S. 2.—Janitor occupies first story front and 1 room in rear.

Trustees apply for his removal, and that a modeling room be arranged, and report rents at $45.

We find apartments as follows:

No. 518 Pearl street, 5 rooms and bath, $25 per month; 3 rooms, no bath, from $18 to $30.

6th Ward—P. S. 8.—Janitor occupies first story front and 1 room in basement; water-closet under front stairway.

Trustees object to removal and report rent at $25 per month.

We find apartments as follows:

Top floor, No. 76 Mott street, 6 rooms, no bath, $22.

7th Ward—G. S. 2.—Janitor occupies first story front, 3 rooms in basement and 1 room in half story.

Trustees report cost of apartments $40 per month.

We find few available apartments in this locality, and cost of same ranges as follows:

6 rooms and bath, $40 per month.
5 " " " $30 " "

7th Ward—G. S. 12.—Janitor occupies 6 rooms, first story.

Trustees report apartments cost about $22 per month.

We find apartments can be secured opposite the school, 5 rooms, second story, for $22 per month.

7th Ward—G. S. 31.—Janitor occupies 4 rooms, first story, front; 1 room, second story, 15x20 feet, at landing of iron stairway.

Trustees report no available apartments to be had.

We find rents in vicinity range from $25 to $30 per month, three families on a floor.

7th Ward—P. S. 36.—Janitor occupies first story front; kitchen and bath in basement.

Trustees ask that he be allowed to remain, and report that they can find no apartments.

We find apartments as follows:

5 rooms, no bath, $22 to $28 per month.
4 " " in flat nearly opposite school, $17 per month.

8th Ward—G. S. 8.—Janitor occupies first story front; kitchen in the basement.

Trustees ask for removal. No report as to cost of apartments.

We find apartments, 4 rooms and bath, $18 per month.

8th Ward—G. S. 38.—Janitor occupies first story front; kitchen, etc., in basement.

Trustees ask for removal. No report as to cost.

We find apartments, 5 rooms, no bath, $20 per month.

9th Ward—G. S. 3.—Janitor occupies 3 rooms, first floor, and 2 rooms in the basement.

Trustees ask for removal and rent at $35 per month.

We find apartments can be had as follows:

4 rooms and bath in basement, $21 per month.

4 rooms and bath in basement, $16 per month.

4 rooms, no bath, $24 per month.

6 " and bath, $33 per month.

9th Ward—G. S. 16.—Janitor occupies 5 rooms, first floor, front; kitchen in basement.

Trustees ask for removal and rent at $38 per month.

We find apartments can be had as follows:

4 rooms, no bath, $19 per month.

5 " " " $18 " "

6 " " " $25 " "

6 " " " $30 " "

9th Ward—G. S. 41.—Janitor occupies 5 rooms, 1st floor front; kitchen in basement.
Trustees ask for removal, and rent at $35 per month.
We find available apartments as follows:
5 rooms, no bath, $18 per month.
4 " " " $17 " "
6 " " " $25 " "
5 " with " $28 " "

9th Ward—P. S. 7.—Janitor occupies 5th story front, 4 rooms.
Trustees ask for removal and rent at $30 per month.
We find available apartments cost from $18 to $20; with bath, $20.

9th Ward—P. S. 13.—Janitor occupies 1st story front, 1 room in rear, 1 in attic, and kitchen in basement.
Trustees ask for removal and rent at $30 per month.
We find apartments as follows:
4 rooms, no bath, $16.
4 " " " $20.
4 " with " $19.

9th Ward—P. S. 24.—Janitor lives outside of school building, in building 10 feet off the line.

21st Ward—G.S. 14.—Janitor occupies 5 rooms, 1st floor front on 27th street, and 2 rooms, 1st floor, 28th street annex.
Trustees ask for removal and report rents ranging from $18 to $30.
We find apartments can be had as follows:
5 rooms, extension, no bath, $22.00 per month.
5 rooms, no bath, $21.00 per month.
6 " " " $24.00 " "
4 " " " $16.50 " "

21st Ward—G.S. 49.—Janitor occupies 6 rooms, 1st floor front; kitchen in basement.

Trustees ask for removal and report rents ranging from $18 to $30.

We find apartments can be had as follows:

5 rooms, no bath, $19 per month.
4 " " " $16 " "
4 " with " $21 " "

21st Ward—P. S. 16.—Janitor occupies 5 rooms, 1st floor front; kitchen in basement.

Trustees ask for removal and report rents ranging from $25 to $30 per month.

We find apartments can be secured in the vicinity as follows:

6 rooms, with bath, $22.00 per month.
4 " no " $15.50 " "
5 " " " private house, $25.00 per month.

Ordered, That said report be printed in the minutes and its consideration be laid over.

10th Ward—G. S. No 75.—From the Superintendent to include in specifications for improving the lot, authority for which was granted by the Board on October 16th, 1895, "for improving the school premises, alterations, repairs, etc., and the installation of electric wiring."

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation be approved and reported to the Board for confirmation.

Adopted.

23d Ward—To lease and fit up for one year at an annual rental of $1,800 with the privilege of renewal, month by month, at $150 per month, the building at No. 599 East 140th street, for school purposes—the lease to require the Board to replace in same condition as now, except the ordinary wear and tear.

The City Superintendent reported "there is a great demand for admission to School No. 85, which is located in the immediate vicinity of the building for which application is made. In the year 1895 nearly 2,000 children were refused admission to No. 85, and in the month of January, 1896, no less than 372; recommending that the application be granted, provided the Superintendent of School Buildings shall report that the building in question is suitable for school purposes."

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the Building Department had not, as yet, passed upon the building.

Laid over.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 62.—From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment returning requisition for $379.50 from proceeds of Bonds, for extra work on new school building, 157th street.

Referred to Commissioner WEHRUM to ascertain the reasons for returning the requisition.

6th Ward—P. S. No. 8.—To advertise for proposals for placing fire escapes.

Placed on file, application having been granted by the Board on February 19th, 1896.

10th Ward—P. S. No. 37.—To transfer Louis Fricke, Janitor, from Annex G. S. No. 7 to P. S. No. 37.

Placed on file, having already been allowed.

10th Ward—G. S. No. 7.—To have the main rooms on the three floors changed from six to eight class rooms, to accomodate a larger number of children.

The City Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the changes are feasible, and will cost $600 per floor.

The City Superintendent reported that "there is no question as to the necessity for more rooms. In each department there are two half-day classes. In the Primary Department in both instances the two classes occupy the same room—every seat filled. The rooms which it is proposed to change are not any too large for the proper instruction of the classes now in them,

and for some time likely to occupy them. The change would result in cramped and shallow class rooms. Above all, the amount of air space now is not any too large and it would be a step backward in this respect to make the change proposed. Since the organization of the half-day classes there have been no refused admissions;" recommending that the application be denied.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the application be denied.

Adopted.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—To form an extra class room on rear of building on the ground floor.

The City Superintendent reported that all the class rooms in the rear of the building on the ground floor are now used for purposes of instruction; recommending that the application be denied.

The City Superintendent of School Buildings reported it inadvisable.

Adopted.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the application be denied.

12th Ward—G. S. 37.—To close school sessions on June 1st, so that the necessary work may be completed and the building in order, to open in September, 1896.

The Superintendent reported that in order to have the work on the old building completed by the date named, it will be necessary to close the school on June 1st, the walls being so cracked and broken, that it will be necessary to remove them on both the sides and rear of the main building, and front and rear of rear wings.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board the application be granted, the same to be without detriment to salaries.

Adopted.

4th Ward—G. S. 1.—On October 23, 1895, the Committee authorized the purchase of a Rider gas engine at an expense not to exceed $198. The Trustees now report that being unable to purchase a Rider engine at the price authorized, they had purchased an Ericsson Gas Pumping Engine at the same price.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the action of the Trustees was approved.

5th Ward—G. S. No. 44.—For desks and seats from the storehouse.

Granted, without expense.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 23.—To rehire premises Nos. 263–265 W. 124th street, for three years from May 1, 1896.

Annex G. S. 57.—To rehire premises 171 E. 114th street for one year from April 1, 1896.

The Superintendent reported as to the premises of P. S. No. 23, yearly rent $5,000—that this Board holds the title to property on the west side of St. Nicholas avenue and 125th and 127th streets, upon which it is proposed to erect a building, presumably to accommodate the pupils of P. S. 23; also, he did not deem it advisable to rehire for a longer period than two years.

The City Superintendent also recommended the rehiring these premises.

With reference to the premises No. 171 East 114th street, the Superintendent reported that it is now in rear of G. S. No. 57, and is used by the Janitor. This property is being acquired by condemnation proceedings and it is doubtful if the same can be acquired by April 1, 1896. Annual rental, $1,100.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board the rehiring of the premises Nos. 263 and 265 W. 124th street for a term of two years from May 1st, 1896, and the premises 171 East 114th street for a term of one year from April 1, 1896, both on the same terms as the respective leases now in force.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 52.—To erect fire escapes.

The Superintendent reported that the Building Department had ordered fire escapes to be placed upon this building, taking in four center windows, 2d and 3d stories, with connecting iron stairs and stairs to ground. The building is occupied by 50 pupils on the 1st floor, 60 on the 2d, and none on the 3d floor.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for doing the work, and in the meantime the Superintendent communicate with the Building Department with the view to having their order so modified as to allow us to replace the wooden stairs now in the rear of the building, with those of iron and stone.

13th Ward—P. S. No. 10.—From the Trustees for authority to grant a leave of absence to the Janitor with full pay for two months.

The Superintendennt reported that the application is dated December 27, 1895; received in Board on January 8, 1896, and filed in his office on January 13, 1896, at which time the Janitor had already started on his vacation. We understand that he was to return in two months, but our Inspector reports to-day that he has not returned, but is ill, and is not expected to return until he is better. His son, who is 29 years of age, is in charge of the building, and, as a measure of precaution, he was examined as to his qualification; receiving 70%.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the Trustees be notified that it is the sense of this Committee that a new Janitor, one who is competent, should be selected to take the place of the present Janitor of the school, the present Janitor, who is absent from duty, not being deemed competent for the position.

Adopted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13.—To pay Henry Rado, Janitor, for rent from July 1st to December 31, 1895, inclusive.

Laid over to await receipt of bills.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 76.—To advertise for proposals for improving the lot on the south side of East 68th street, adjoin-

ing the school on the east, said lot having been transferred to the Board by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on February 22d.

The Superintendent recommended that the property be improved for playgrounds and such incidental work as will properly connect it with the old building.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for doing the work as recommended by the Superintendent.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 18.—To fit up a class room on the ground floor for use of boys' Grammar Department.

The Superintendent reported the room 23½x25 feet, with ceiling 8½ feet high.

The City Superintendent reports a class is now taught on the left of the Principal's platform. The place is cramped. There are no desks and much distraction is caused by pupils passing to the yard, entrance of visitors, etc.; 27 in the class; the room referred to is in the new wing, and is used occasionally by pupils who bring their lunches; ceiling is a little low, but if the Superintendent of School Buildings will recommend the room, in so far as the light and ventilation are concerned, he recommends it be granted.

Laid over.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32.—With consent of the Building Department, to remove the fire escape on the east side of building down to the level of the second floor, said fire escape having already been examined by the Building Inspector at the request of the Trustees.

The Superintendent reported that the change can be included in the plans, etc., now on file at the Department of Buildings.

Approved and placed on file.

From COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES to which were refered the request from this Committee that they summon certain Trustees before them, who had failed to comply with the

request of the Building Committee to make application for placing flags, etc., on school buildings; also for failure to respond to the request for information as to the cost of suitable apartments to which Janitors can be removed; reporting that they do not consider that they have jurisdiction over the matters referred to them.

Placed on file.

From Samuel Rosenblatt with reference to sale of a Grand Piano which he states is in excellent condition. Price $150.

Laid over.

From the Counsel to the Corporation submitting a proposed amendment to the form of contract now in use by this Board, as follows:

Strike out clause Eleventh (b) as it now reads and substitute the following:

"To prevent all disputes and litigation, it is further agreed "by and between the parties to this contract, that the Superin- "tendent of School Buildings, subject to the approval of the "Board of Education or of the Committee on Buildings of said "Board, shall in all cases determine the true construction of the "plans and drawings or specifications hereinbefore mentioned, "or any part thereof, and he shall in all cases decide every ques- "tion which may arise relative to the execution of this contract "on the part of the party of the second part, and his decision "shall be final and conclusive upon the said party of the second "part."

Ordered, That the Finance Committee be requested to approve the amended form.

24th Ward—Annexed Dist.—The following named Janitors were licensed:

G. S. No. 97, John T. Conway.
G. S. No. 98, James A. Gamble.
G. S. No. 99, John J. Dolan.
G. S. No. 100, William Peeriman.

G. S. No. 101, Philip L. Farley.
G. S. No. 102, John H. Williams.
P. S. No. 38, Nehemiah Jones.
P. S. No. 39, Frank A. Willis.
P. S. No. 48, Tilaman Holley.

The matter of licensing Edward Corbett as Janitor of Annex to G. S. No. 97 was laid over, the name of Frances Corbett appearing on the pay-roll.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be submitted to the Board authorizing the payment of bills for supplying electric current to motors used to run the ventilating fans in various schools, etc., from the heating and ventilating fund.

Adopted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13.—Resolution allowing Janitor $30 per month for rent of apartments taking effect January 1st, 1896. (Recommitted at the last session of the Board.)

The Superintendent submitted a schedule of amounts proposed to be allowed for rental of apartments for Janitors as follows:

$30.33½	per	month	=	$364	per	annum	=	$28	per pay or $\frac{1}{13}$th
29.25	"	"	=	351	"	"	=	27	" "
28.16⅔	"	"	=	338	"	"	=	26	" "
27.08⅓	"	"	=	325	"	"	=	25	" "
26.00	"	"	=	312	"	"	=	24	" "
24.91⅔	"	"	=	299	"	"	=	23	" "
23.83⅓	"	"	=	286	"	"	=	22	" "
22.75	"	"	=	273	"	"	=	21	" "
21.66⅔	"	"	=	260	"	"	=	20	" "
20.58⅓	"	"	=	247	"	"	=	19	" "
19.50	"	"	=	234	"	"	=	18	" "
18.41⅔	"	"	=	221	"	"	=	17	" "
17.33⅓	"	"	=	208	"	"	=	16	" "

$221 per annum being the present rate allowed under the By-Laws.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved to recommend to the Board that the Janitor of G. S. No. 13 be allowed an additional annual salary of $351 for rent of apartments outside of the school buildings, taking effect on January 1st, 1896.

Adopted.

18th Ward—G. S. No. 40.—Allowance of rent to Janitor of apartments outside the school premises.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to reconsider the vote taken at the last session, allowing the Janitor of G. S. No. 40 $30 per month for rent, commencing with March 1, 1896.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board allowing the Janitor of G. S. No. 40 an additional annual salary of $351, for rent of apartments outside of the school premises, taking effect on March 1st, 1896.

Adopted.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 33.—To advertise for proposals to fit up a room in the Primary Department for a toilet-room for teachers of that department, according to specifications already furnished.

The Superintendent reported that provision has been made in our Budget for 1896, for sanitary work at this school, and work asked for can be included in the specification for work to be done during vacation.

Approved.

4th Ward—G. S. No. 1 and P. S. 14.—To advertise for pro-proposals for converting the Janitor's apartments into class-rooms, etc., and for school purposes.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the application be granted, and that the Janitors of the schools in question be each allowed an additional annual salary of $208—for rent of apartments outside the school premises.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 15.—To pay Philip Bauer $10.50, for repairing, etc., in the P. D., on September 4, 1895.

Granted.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 9.—To pay Albino Tito for services as Acting Janitor of the school for the month of November, 1895.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Tito has been paid for services October 10th to November 1st, and is now entitled to the sum of $81, for the month of November, the regular Janitor having been taken on December 1, 1895.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

23d Ward—St. Ann's avenue, One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-eighth streets.—For authority to advertise for proposals for heating, ventilating and electric lighting; also, new furniture for the new school building to be erected on the site.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved to report to the Board, authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for heating, ventilating, electric wiring, and for the new furniture, as applied for.

Adopted.

From the Trustees of the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th Wards, for authority to advertise for proposals for making fire-alarm connections with all schools not already provided.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

The following-named applications were denied:

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14.—To build a room over the main stairs in 3d story, for closet and use of principal. (Extra room is not required, as present Principal's room can be altered.)

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14.—To paint six class-rooms. (Can be provided for in specifications for vacation repairs.)

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—Supply closet on 4th floor; wardrobe and class-room closet in east hall; hooks on wainscoting in west hall; removal of doors in both halls. (The wardrobe and closet asked for for the N. E. wing hall cannot be put in, as they would interfere with passage to class-rooms. The cost of the other work will be small, and can be paid from Ward Incidentals).

11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Fire-escapes on the easterly side of the building. (Will cost over $200. Trustees to apply to the Board for authority to advertise for proposals.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 57.—Place furniture in two rooms Female Department. (Provided for in the Budget, and has already been authorized to be advertised.)

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—To advertise for making repairs and alterations. (Already authorized.)

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—To advertise for proposals to put new floor on the assembly room, change stair cases, etc. (Already allowed.)

19th Ward—G. S. No. 70.—To expend $50 to put in order the piano in the P. D. (This piano was repaired during vacation of 1895, and is in fair condition.)

19th Ward—G. S. No. 76.—To advertise for new furniture for class rooms, F. D. (Present furniture is in good condition, but not the proper size for the classes using it. Trustees to make application to make changes at the expense of the Buildings Contingent Fund.)

22d Ward—G. S. No. 28.—Steam pipe in drying room, $37.50. (Amount of bill is small and should be paid from Incidendal Fund of the Ward.)

23d Ward—G. S. No. 90.—To advertise for repairing and rearranging furniture; also new furniture for several rooms, teachers' desks, closets and blackboards. (Allowed in another application.)

24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—For 25 desks and seats for a Sixth Primary Grade. (Not needed.)

24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Desks and seats on south side of assembly room for one class, also for new desks and seats for one class room on north side of assembly room for a new class, lowest grammar grade. (On account of contemplated changes and alterations in this building, can be supplied for temporary use from the store house.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following described specifications:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 24.—New piano, Feb. 19, 1896.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 6.—Gymnasium apparatus, Feb. 17, 1896.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 30.—Repairs, new roof, etc., Feb. 21 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Outside iron stairs, etc., Feb. 25, 1896.

The Chairman's action was approved.

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted:

5th Ward—P. S. No. 11.—Furniture—Manhattan School & Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to Dec. 30, 1895.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 43.—Annex—Furniture, itemNo. 4—Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated March 20, 1895; extended to November 22, 1895.

19th Ward—81st street and Avenue A.—Furniture, item No. 3—Andrews Mfg. Co, contractors; dated April 1, 1895; extended to January 22, 1896.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 48.—Furniture—Manhattan School & Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895 extended to February 7, 1896.

23d Ward—Fox, Simpson and 167th street—Furniture, item No. 4—C. Roehr & Sons, contractors; dated July 1, 1895; extended to January 21, 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Furniture—Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated July 29, 1895; extended to January 30,1896.

13th Ward.—Trustees report that no satisfactory arrangements can be made with the tenants of the premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, recently authorized to be hired, and have concluded to wait until May 1st, 1896.

Placed on file.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 5.—To lease the premises No. 624 Fifth street for temporary use, pending the erection of the new building for P. S. No. 5.

Commisioner HURLBUT moved to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees of the 11th Ward to lease the said premises at an annual rental not to exceed $2,500, until such time as the new building for Primary School No. 5 is completed; the owner to have possession each day from 3:30 to 6 o'clock P. M. The lease to be submitted to the Committee before signing.

Adopted.

11th Ward.—P. S. No. 5—To advertise for proposals to erect a new building on the site now occupied, and lots recently acquired.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

22d Ward—G. S. 28 and 69.—Communications were received from the Trustees and Principals of the schools named in which they report that the Janitors complained of were now performing their duties in a more satisfactory manner.

Placed on file.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that hereafter the City Superintendent report, monthly, to this Committee the names of Janitors who may be derelict in their duties.

Adopted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 25, Annex.—For new furniture in three vacant rooms on 5th floor, in consequence of increased attendance in the Male Department.

The City Superintendent reported that in P. S. No. 22, the new building located at the corner of 1st avenue and 9th street, there are sixteen vacant rooms. It is unnecessary and inadvisable to fit up the vacant rooms in G. S. No. 25. On the contrary, children living nearer to P. S. No. 22 should be transferred to that building, and the vacant class-rooms thus be put to a good use.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the application be denied. Adopted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 6.—To furnish three rooms on top floor so that more classes may be formed in the P. D. for boys.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, *March* 2, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

In relation to the application of the Board of School Trustees of the 19th Ward for authority "To finish and furnish three rooms on the top floor so that more classes may be formed in Primary Department for Boys, Grammar School No. 6," I would respectfully report that additional room is very much needed in this locality for children seeking admission to the Primary Department of this school. I would recommend that two rooms on the top floor be furnished for classes for the purpose of accommodating more Primary children in the Male Department of this school.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

Ordered, That report be printed in the minutes and laid over for future consideration.

The Superintendent reported that under the authority granted at the last session he had employed the following named assistant draughtsmen: H. R. Halsey, sanitary, $10 per week—on duty February 24, 1896; Isador S. Chirurg, bond account, $25 per week—on duty one o'clock P. M., February 25, 1896, worked the balance of the day, since which time he has been absent on account of illness—must employ another man at once if he does not report for duty on March 3d. As to draughtsman for the Heating and Ventilating Department, he employed Conway Kiewitz at $6 per week—on duty February 25, 1896; also requesting that the authority to hire a draughtsman from the

same account, at $25 per week, be continued until he could find a suitable man.

The action and recommendation of the Superintendent were approved.

The Superintendent also asked permission to employ another boy, as an assistant draughtsman, at $6 per week, from heating and ventilating fund.

Granted.

The CLERK was authorized to have printed minutes of the Committee for 1895 bound, and at least three of the volumes to have blank index inserted at end of book.

24th Ward—From Trustees, with reference to apartments which can be secured for the janitor of G. S. No. 63, P. S. Nos. 18 and 38; also requesting the Superintendent to examine and report as to alterations to be made in the apartments of the Janitors to be made vacant to fit them for school purposes; also suggesting the advisability of building a house for the Janitor's residence on the site of P. S. No. 38.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—For an American Flag, as the one supplied is a storm flag and too small.

Laid over (not advertised for as yet).

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

5th Ward—G. S. No. 44.—New wooden ceiling for lower hall, front stairway	$25 00
5th Ward—G. S. No. 44.—Repairs to roof and chimneys damaged by fire on February 17, W. Broadway wing (emergency)	115 00
6th Ward—P. S. No. 8.—Cover woodwork of new windows with metal on the outside . .	59 40
6th Ward—P. S. No. 2.—Pneumatic bells for fire drill purposes	65 00

11th Ward—G. S. No. 88.—Thawing out heating stacks in Annex, etc. Clean out croton main (emergency)	$110 77
11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Alter, paint, etc., to fit up southwest corner of building, first floor for class room (furniture, black boards, etc., denied)	157 00
13th Ward—G. S. No. 34.—Cover woodwork of windows with metal on the outside . . .	38 30
13th Ward—P. S. No. 20.—Cover woodwork of windows with metal on the outside . . .	73 85
14th Ward—G. S. No. 21.—All woodwork, except sash bars of windows, placed in school building in 1895 to be covered with metal on the outside	79 20
17th Ward—G. S. No. 13.—Take down loose plastering on main hall and stairway; repair walls, etc., and paint the same . . .	118 00
19th Ward—G. S. No. 82.—Paint wall of building facing the school on the west, white, to increase the light	38 00
19th Ward—G. S. No. 73.—Cover woodwork of new windows with metal on the outside . .	29 80
20th Ward—G. S. No. 33.—Prepare room in Primary Department, southeast wing, to receive furniture	112 00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 26.—Cover woodwork of new windows with metal on the outside . .	28 30
21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Cover woodwork of new windows with metal on the outside . .	29 20
22d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Repair and paint roof of main building	160 00
23d Ward—G. D. No. 60.—Curtains to separate the assembly room into two class rooms (emergency)	99 00
Total	$1,337 82

Consideration of applications for extension of time on following named contracts was laid over:

17th Ward—G. S. No. 79.—Fire alarm connections, John A. Roebling's Sons' Co., contractors.

17th Ward—P. S. No. 26.—Fire alarm connections, John A. Roebling's Sons' Co., contractors.

ARTHUR McMULLIN.
Clerk.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners HURLBUT, ADAMS and WEHRUM.

The absence from this session of Commissioners LITTLE and PRENTISS was excused.

In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner HURLBUT was called to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held March 2d, as printed, were approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report showing the cost of providing apartments for Janitors outside of school buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the Janitors of the following named schools be allowed, in addition to their annual salary, the sum of $221 each per annum, for rent of apartments outside of the school building:

4th Ward, G. S. No. 1, P. S. No. 14.
5th " P. S. No. 11.
6th " P. S. No. 2.
7th " P. S. No. 36.
8th " G. S. No. 8.
11th " G. S. Nos. 15, 36, P. S. No. 5 and 31.
12th " G. S. Nos. 39, 43, 86, P. S. Nos. 3, 42.
13th " P. S. Nos. 10, 20.
14th " G. S. No. 21, P. S. No. 6.
15th " P. S. No. 25.
17th " G. S. No. 19, P. S. No. 26.
19th " G. S. Nos. 53, 59.

20th Ward, G. S. No. 32, P. S. No. 27.
21st " P. S. No. 16.
22d " G. S. Nos. 51, 94.
23d " G. S. Nos. 61, 90, P. D. No. 60.

Also that the Trustees be authorized to advertise for proposals for converting the Janitors' apartments in the schools named into classrooms or for other school purposes.

Adopted.

23d Ward—To lease and fit up for one year, the premises No. 599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street, at an annual rental of $1,800, with privilege of renewal month by month at a rental of $150 per month, the lease to require the Board of Education to replace the premises in the same condition as now, except the ordinary wear and tear.

The Superintendent reported that the "use of the building for school purposes had been approved by the Department of Buildings, can be arranged to accommodate eight classes, but did not approve of providing in the lease the replacing of the premises in the same condition as now."

This application was referred to the Committee with power.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees be authorized to lease the premises as applied for, with the exception of the clause which requires this Board to replace the premises in the same condition as now, except the ordinary wear and tear, the lease to be submitted to the Committee for approval before being signed; also to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for altering and fitting up the premises.

Adopted.

24th Ward.—G. S. No. 97, Annex.—Matter of licensing Edward Corbett as Janitor, the name of Frances Corbett appearing on the pay roll.

Ordered, That the attention of the Trustees be called to the

fact that Frances Corbett is acting as Janitrix of the annex to G. S. No. 97, without being licensed for the position.

19th Ward.—G. S. No. 6.—To furnish three rooms on top floor, so that more classes may be formed in the Primary Department.

The City Superintendent recommended that two rooms on top floor be furnished for classes, for the purpose of accommodating more Primary children in the male department of this school.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the recommendation of the City Superintendent be approved, the furniture for the rooms in question to be Eighth Grammar grade.

Adopted.

13th Ward.—G. S. No. 34.—Relative to the report of the Inspectors of the Second District with reference to the condition in which the premises are kept by the Janitor.

(Salary withheld by order of the Committee. See minutes, pages 29 and 30.)

Commissioner ADAMS moved that when the Superintendent of School Buildings reports that the Janitor is performing his duties in a satisfactory manner, that the salary be refunded.

Adopted.

22d Ward.—G. S. Nos. 28 and 69.—Relative to the report of the Inspectors of the Seventh District, with reference to the condition in which the premises are kept by the Janitors.

(Salary withheld by order of the Committee. See minutes, page 30.)

Commissioner ADAMS moved that when the Superintendent of School Buildings reports that these Janitors are performing their respective duties in a satisfactory manner, that their salaries be refunded.

Adopted.

Communication from HEYWOOD BROS. & Co., submitting price list of CHAIRS.

Laid over.

From the FINANCE COMMITTEE, stating they see no objection to the Committee on Buildings waiving the INSURANCE CLAUSE in contracts for fire alarm connection.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that this Committee waive the insurance clause in the contracts of the Standard Underground Cable Co. and John A. Roeblings' Son's Co. for making fire alarm connections, and also to omit the insurance clause in all future work of like character.

Adopted.

7th Ward.—G. S. No. 2.—Asking that application to pay bill for emergency plumbing work, denied by this Committee on November 27, 1895, amounting to $94.35, be reconsidered.

Laid over to inquire into the emergency.

7th Ward.—G. S. No. 12.—Superintendent reported that the Committee on School Furniture on July 8, 1895, authorized the Trustees to purchase a body Brussels carpet at $1.15 per yard, made, laid and lined, while the carpet furnished is a tapestry Brussels at $1.05 per yard. Bill of Jordan, Moriarty & Co. $22.58.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the bill be paid and the grant as made by the Committee on School Furniture on July 8, 1895, be so amended.

Adopted.

9th Ward.—P. S. No. 7.—From the Chairman Board of Trustees, with reference to location of premises for the Janitor.

Laid over.

11th Ward.—P. S. No. 31.—To advertise for proposals for

improving the new lot adjoining, and the premises of Primary School No. 31.

Another application to be filed.

12th Ward.—G. S. No. 5.—To pay Caleb K. Birdsall as Acting Janitor, November 11 to December 31, 1895, $340.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Birdsall was entitled to the amount applied for.

Approved.

12th Ward.—G. S. No. 5.—To pay Peter Moran, Janitor of P. S. No. 19, for services as Acting Janitor of G. S. No. 5 from September 9 to November 11, 1895, the sum of $421.60.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Moran was appointed as Janitor of G. S. No. 5 and took charge of the same on September 9, the date of opening school, but when he appeared to take the examination for a license for the position, he could not fulfill the requirements of the by-laws and was not examined, and therefore could not be licensed. All this time he was receiving pay on the pay roll of P. S. No. 19, the building formerly in his charge, and to which he returned after his successor was appointed at G. S. No. 5.

The salary of the Janitor was $204—per month. Deducting the care of boilers, etc., which were in the hands of the contractor, he would be entitled to $392.66.

Referred back to Trustees for statement as to why the Janitor should be paid for services in G. S. No. 5, when he had received his salary on the pay roll of P. S. No. 19.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—To pay John C. Lester $194 for services as Acting Janitor during November, 1895. (See Journal Board of Education, pages 229, 295 and 296.)

The Superintendent reported that the amount should be $199, and recommended that the bill be returned to the Trustees for correction.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—From Board of Health, recommending sanitary improvements.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board, authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

Adopted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 70—To pay Francis R. McKiever for services as Acting Janitor from December 12, 1895, to February 1, 1896.

Tho Superintendent reported that Mr. McKiever is entitled to $74.10 for services rendered from December 12 to 31, 1895, and $130 for the month of January, 1896.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board the payment to Mr. McKiever, as reported by the Superintendent.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 49.—From the Chairman of the Trustees with reference to payment of a bill of Bloomingdale Bros., $59.38, for carpet supplied at $1.25 per yard, the Superintendent objecting to allowing more than $1.15 per yard, the rate as fixed by the late Committee on School Furniture.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the bill be paid from the Incidental Fund of the Twenty-first Ward, as presented.

Adopted.

24th Ward—P. S. No. 39, Bronxdale.—To advertise for erection of a new addition.

The Superintendent reported that this is a frame building which came to us through the recent annexation. It is proposed to remove the present westerly wing, which is about 10x14 feet, and erect in its place an addition to accommodate two classrooms, for which there is ample ground.

The City Superintendent reported the absolute necessity for erecting the addition.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—From Trustees to advertise for

proposals to erect a new school building and Janitor's house on the new site.

The Superintendent reports "that title to the property in question has been acquired for the express purpose of erecting a new school building to replace the present structure."

The City Superintendent recommended the erection of a building to accommodate about 800 Grammar and 1200 Primary pupils.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for erecting a new building.

The consideration of the matter of erecting a Janitor's house on the same site was laid over.

From Louis L. Pilger, asking for disused furniture for a charitable school.

Denied for want of authority.

8th Ward—G. S. No. 8.—To advertise for making alterations in, and additions to the heating and ventilating apparatus.

Granted.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—To advertise for proposals to erect new iron stairs on easterly side of the building.

Granted.

9th Ward—G. S. No. 16.—To advertise for proposals for improving the lot adjoining, and the premises.

Granted.

20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 26 and 33.—To advertise for proposals for making repairs, etc., to the heating apparatus.

Granted.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 17.—To advertise for proposals for placing electric appliances in the building.

Adopted.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 33.—To advertise for proposals for

grading the lot and excavating for a building, Fox, Simpson and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh streets.

An addition will be needed to this school within the year, and the work of blasting should be done during the summer vacation.

Granted.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 98.—To advertise for proposals for new furniture and repairs of.

Granted.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 66.—To pay bill of R. Irving, $18.00, November 7-9, 1895, for cleaning.

Approved.

The following named applications were denied:

4th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—Fourteen wooden blackboards need to be re-silicated. (Another application has been substituted.)

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14.—Two wooden blackboards need to be re-silicated. (Expense small and can be paid from Incidental Fund of the Ward.)

11th Ward – G. S. No. 88.—Paint walls and ceilings of entire main stairs; paint, grain and varnish all woodwork on these stairs. (In fair condition. Cost of the work will be small, and can be paid from Incidental Fund of the Ward.)

11th Ward—G. S. No. 88.—Iron railing on roof. (Included in vacation work.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Springs for outside doors on playground floor. (When this new building was turned over to the school on September 9, 1895, the doors were all in perfect condition, the inner or vestibule doors being fitted with an automatic spring or check. These have been ruined by the Janitor.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Hardwood boards, with hooks for same, for window poles. (Can be paid from Incidental Fund of the Ward.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 24.—Appropriation of $195.49 to pay

bill of John Neal's Sons for steam fitting. (Already allowed by the Committee, January 27, 1896.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 72.—To repair and paint roof. (Will be included in vacation repairs.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 95.—To advertise for proposals for steam heating apparatus. (Lease will expire May 1, 1899, and it seems inadvisable to expend a large sum of money in placing a steam plant in position.)

13th Ward—G. S. No. 34 Annex.—Repair paper on ceilings and walls of Annex. (Cost will be very small and can be paid from Incidental Fund of the Ward.)

17th Ward—P. S. No. 22.—Platform in Trustees' room. (Was built in February.)

22d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Repair doors, jambs, etc. (Work was under way before this application was made.)

7th Ward—G. S. No. 12.—For appropriation of $100 to repair the piano in the Male Department

$100 was allowed by the Board of Education on March 20th, 1895—(Journal, pages 348-387), upon receipt of application.

23th Ward—G. S. No. 85.—From the Committee on Supplies, referring an application from the Trustees for cooking apparatus at cost of $191 with request that an appropriation be made from the Bond account.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Supplies, with the statement that the building is a new one and if the appropriation is to be made from the Bond account, specifications will have to be drawn, proposals advertised for two weeks, and at least six weeks or two months will have expired before these articles can be furnished. In the meantime the class is at a standstill; also recommend that the articles applied for be paid from the Supply Fund.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a copy of a letter sent the President of the Fire Department on March 6th, with reference to connecting the Public School Buildings with the Fire Depart-

ment by means of subways, and stating that he had as yet received no reply.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the President of the Fire Department be respectfully requested to reply to the Superintendent's letter, and couple with said request the urgent need of the information asked for.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, recommending that Assistant Draughtsman Oswald B. Franz, now on repairs to building, be transferred to the Sanitary Division, and his wages be fixed at $18 per week from the appropriation for sanitary work, etc.; also that Assistant Draughtsman Karl Heinrich, now on repairs to building, be transferred to Heating and Ventilating Department, and his wages be fixed at $22 per week, and paid from the Heating and Ventilating Fund—said changes to take effect on April 1st, 1896.

Approved.

The Superintendent submitted a statement of the amount of money required to pay the wages of Assistant Draughtsmen and Inspectors during the year, viz.:

Repairs to Buildings, . . .	$12,734 35
Sanitary Work, etc., . . .	5,709 17
Heating and Ventilating Work, etc.,	3,240 83
Furniture, etc., ...	3,480 17

Commissioner ADAMS moved the estimate be approved and transmitted to the Finance Committee.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted the following named bills of Francis W. Ford for building surveys incurred by him:

12th Ward.—West side of St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-sixth and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh streets, February 28, 1896, ... $55 00

19th Ward.—South side of Sixty-eighth street, east of Lexington avenue, February 25, 1896,. . . $15 00

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the bills in question be paid.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the top loft of the premises No. 166 Elm street, which can be utilized to good advantage as a draughting room, can be leased at a rental not to exceed $800 per annum.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the loft in question be hired for one year from April 1, 1896, at a rental not to exceed $800 per annum, provided the same is in a safe condition.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to which was referred by this Committee the claim of Thomas Dwyer for extra work on the new building at One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, near Courtlandt avenue, giving all the information in his possession as to why the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had returned our requisition at its meeting held June 25, 1895.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the facts in the case be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, and that he be requested to advise this Committee as to whether the case should go to suit at law, or whether Mr. Dwyer should take judgment for the full amount of the claim as orignally presented, $3,006.29, or whether he should be paid $379.50, which he agreed, with the Committee to accept in full.

Adopted.

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

5th Ward—G. S. No. 44.—1 teacher's desk, Room No. 2, . $12 50

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—Provide main room, F. D., with suitable furniture, etc., to convert into a classroom,	$90 00
11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—5 teachers' desks and chairs,	140 00
11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Slate blackboards, teachers' desks, bookcase, and setting furniture moved from G. S. No. 88,	62 40
12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Couch and cushion for P. D. (table for general assistant denied),	20 00
12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Partition with door, connecting foot of middle stairway in boys' yard on right side of aisle, with girls' yard,	38 00
12th Ward—G. S. No. 39.—Place doorway in wall of west playground,	21 00
12th Ward—G. S. No. 54.—1 doz. umbrella stands,	54 00
12th Ward—G. S. No. 57.—2 hanging closets; 1 revolving chair; repair 1 revolving chair,	32 00
12th Ward—G. S. No. 57.—Rubber on stairs,	106 00
12th Ward—G. S No. 89.—Additional radiator, P. D.,	49 00
15th Ward—G. S. No. 35.—Roll top desk for use of clerk to Trustees,	25 00
15th Ward—G. S. No. 47.—New furniture, Room No. 2, top floor,	168 00
16th Ward—G. S. No. 55.—Blackboards,	35 25
17th Ward—G. S. No. 19.—Fit up two Principals' rooms with carpets, chairs, couches, mirrors, one roll top desk,	180 00
17th Ward—G. S. No. 25.—Reline furnace of large boiler,	40 00
19th Ward—G. S. No. 18.—Fit up a classroom on ground floor for use of boys of Gram. Dept.,	50 00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 26.—3 bookcases for G. and P. D.,	79 00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 26.—Lounge for teachers, G. D.,	16 50
21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Slates in rooms Nos. 1 and 5, P. D.,	42 00
22d Ward—G. S. No. 67.—Air springs on doors,	37 00

22d Ward—G. S. No. 84.—Pay bill for grate bars, repairing boiler and furnace,	$160 00
22d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Oil the floors with "Wax-Gloss Floor Oil,"	197 00
22d Ward—G. S. No. 84.—Overhaul and paint roof,	120 00
24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—Clean vault (February 8th, emergency),	18 36
24th Ward—G. S. No. 100.—Furnish 2 primary class-rooms,	149 00
24th Ward—P. S. No. 45.—New desks and seats; 7 umbrella stands,	115 00
Total,	$2,057 01

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—To advertise for proposals for making alterations in, and additions to, present heating and ventilating apparatus.

Approved.

The action of the Chairman in approving the following-named specifications was approved:

12th Ward—Ninety-first street and Avenue A.—Excavating, etc., March 3, 1896.

8th Ward—G. S. No. 38.—Sanitary work, March 6, 1896.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Outside iron stairs, etc., March 6, 1896.

From the City Superintendent, submitting extracts from the reports of the Principals of several schools for the month of February, relative to light, ventilation, and stating that a copy had been sent to the Board of Trustees of the Wards in which the schools referred to are situated.

Laid over.

From the City Superintendent, submitting extracts from the reports of the Principals for the month of January, regarding the Janitor's work in the various schools; also stating that a copy

of the extracts has been sent to the Board of Trustees of each Ward.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

The action of Commissioner HURLBUT, acting for the Chairman, in approving the following-named specifications was approved:

1st Ward.—G. S. No. 29, P. S. No. 15, repairs, March 14, 1896.
1st Ward.—P. S. No. 15, sanitary work, March 12, 1896.
2d Ward.—P. S. No. 34, sanitary work, March 7, 1896.
4th Ward.—P. S. No. 14, sanitary work, March 14, 1896.
6th Ward.—P. S. No. 2, repairs, March 14, 1896.
6th Ward.—P. S. No. 8, alterations and new iron stairs, March 11, 1896.
9th Ward.—G. S. Nos. 3, 41, P. S. Nos. 7, 13, repairs, March 14, 1896.
9th Ward.—P. S. No. 24, sanitary work, March 14, 1896.
10th Ward.—G. S. No. 75, new annex; improving lot, etc., March 7, 1896.
10th Ward.—P. S. No. 1, sanitary work, March 14, 1896.
12th Ward.—Eighty-eighth Street Building, new furniture, March 14, 1896.
24th Ward.—Bedford Park, new school building, March 7, 1896.
Flag poles and flags, March 16, 1896.

City Superintendent to report relative to changing position of desks and seats in classrooms for better light.

Laid over.

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895:

24th Ward—G. S. No. 101.—Additional to appropriation of $77.50, made December 11, 1895, for repairs to heating apparatus, ... $100.00

22d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Pay F. C. Burns, plumbing, etc., March 8 to May 22, $13.95, and J. C. Byrne, car-

penter, September 6 to November 3, $25.76; also J. C. Byrne, repairing blinds, November 2d and 9th, $9.88, . $49.59

19th Ward—G. S. No. 27.—Pay bill of P. Green, repairing roof, December 3, $55.75. G. S. No. 77—Hoole Machine and Engine Works, October 29, $21.35. G. S. No. 96—Blake & Williams, repairing heating apparatus, December 14, $7.23. G. S. No. 96, Blake & Williams, repairing heating apparatus, December 5, $5.15, ... 89.48

Total, ... $239.07

An extension of time was granted on the following-named contracts:

8th Ward.—G. S. No. 38.—Repairs, etc.—W. H. Rose, contractor; dated July 19, 1895; extended to March 3, 1896.

10th Ward.—G. S. No. 75.—Heating and Ventilating.—James Curran Mfg. Co., contractors; dated August 2d, 1895; extended to January 23, 1896.

11th Ward.—G. S. No. 22.—Furniture.—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to February 24, 1896.

12th Ward.—One Hundred and Fortieth street and Edgecombe avenue.—Furniture, Item No. 1.—Andrews Mfg. Co., contractors; dated July 5, 1895; extended to January 15, 1896.

17th Ward.—G. S. No. 79.—Fire Alarm Connections.—John A. Roebling's Sons' Co., contractors; dated August 9, 1885; extended to November 1, 1895.

17th Ward.—P. S. No. 26.—Fire Alarm Connections.—John A. Roebling's Sons, contractors; dated August 9, 1895; extended to November 1, 1895.

17th Ward.—G. S. No. 79.—Furniture.—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to February 5, 1896.

22d Ward.—G. S. No. 9.—Furniture, Item No. 3.—Richmond School Furniture Co., contractors; dated December 17, 1895; extended to February 29, 1896.

22d Ward.—G. S. No. 9.—Furniture, Item No. 5.—Richmond School Furniture Co., contractors; dated December 17, 1895; extended to February 29, 1896.

24th Ward.—G. S. No. 60, Addition—Furniture, Item No. 1.—Andrews Mfg. Co., contractors; dated April 1, 1895; extended to January 18, 1896.

Arthur ~~JOHN~~ McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held March 16th, as printed, were approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report showing the cost of providing apartments for Janitors outside of school buildings:

			Additional Salary.	
5th Ward—	Grammar School	No. 44, . . .	$286	per annum.
6th Ward—	" "	No. 23, . . .	286	"
7th Ward—	" "	No. 2, . . .	325	"
"	" "	No. 12, . . .	260	"
"	" "	No. 31, . . .	299	"
8th Ward—	" "	No. 38, . . .	234	"
9th Ward—	" "	Nos. 3, 16 & 41,	299	each.
"	Primary School	No. 7, . . .	247	
"	" "	No. 13, . . .	234	
10th Ward—	Grammar Schools	Nos. 20 & 42,	221	each.
"	Primary School	No. 1, . . .	221	
11th Ward—	Grammar School	No. 22, . . .	260	
12th Ward—	" "	No. 10, . . .	247	
"	" "	No. 37, . . .	338	
"	" "	Nos. 46 & 89, .	299	each.
"	" "	No. 54. . . .	286	
"	" "	Nos. 93 & 95, .	234	each.
13th Ward—	" "	Nos. 4 & 34, .	234	each.
16th Ward—	" "	Nos. 11 & 56, .	299	each.
"	" "	No. 55, . . .	338	

18th Ward—Primary School	No. 4, . . .	$234	
19th Ward—Grammar School	No. 18, . . .	338	
" " "	Nos. 27 & 70, .	299	
" Primary School	No. 17, . . .	260	
20th Ward—Grammar Schools	Nos. 33 & 48,	299	each.
" " "	No. 26, . . .	260	
21st Ward— " "	No. 14, . . .	299	
" " "	No. 49, . . .	260	
22d Ward— " "	Nos. 17, 28 & 69,	286	each.
" " "	No. 58, . . .	299	
" " "	No. 84, . . .	338	
" Primary School	No. 41, . . .	260	
23d Ward—Grammar School	No. 85, . . .	247	
24th Ward— " "	No. 63. . . .	299	

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board the adoption of a resolution allowing the Janitors referred to in the communication from the Superintendent, the additional salary as named for rent of apartments outside of the school premises; also, to authorize the Trustees to advertise for proposals for converting the Janitors' apartments in the schools named into classrooms or for other school purposes.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a report as to the manner in which the Janitors of Grammar Schools Nos. 28, 34 and 69 are performing their duties; recommending that the salary of the Janitor of G. S. No. 69 be restored, and that the consideration of the matter of restoring the salaries of the Janitors of Grammar Schools Nos. 28 and 34, be laid over. The Superintendent's recommendations were adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a request for the appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector at a rate of wages of $4.50 per day for actual service, to be paid from the appropriation for "Sanitary work, changes and repairs of."

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the request be granted and a resolution be presented to the Board confirming this action.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent recommending that the Trustees of the several Wards be requested to have each Janitor's address printed upon a tin sign and placed upon a conspicuous part of the exterior of the school building; also, suggesting that their address be placed in the small pocket directories.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be submitted to the Board favoring the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, stating that the amount allowed in the Budget for 1896 for new pianos was $1,800 and for repairs to old ones $200. From this amount $290 must be deducted for a piano for G. S. No. 24, already advertised; leaving $1,500, which will provide about five new instruments.

Laid over.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 23.—For an upright piano for Kindergarten Class.

Laid over.

9th Ward—P. S. No. 7.—To lease premises for Janitor.

Already acted upon.

11th Ward—G. S. Nos. 15 and 36.—To hire premises for Janitors.

Already acted upon.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—To build a wing and fire escapes.

The City Superintendent reported that the fire escapes are a necessity. With reference to building a wing, additional accommodations are needed, and recommended that a wing be built, provided, however, that ample space for light and ventilation between the school building and adjacent property be left.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 45.—To grant one new table 32x48 in. at $17.50 in place of similar table 5 ft. long, for which $20 was granted in 1895.

Granted.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 55.—For an allowance for rent for the Janitor.

Already acted upon.

23d Ward.—To prepare plans and advertise for proposals for erecting a new school building on the site at Trinity avenue and 135th street.

The City Superintendent recommended that a Primary School building be erected to accommodate about 1,200 children.

Ordered, To report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals.

10th Ward—G. S. No. 7.—To have the main rooms on three floors changed from six to eight classrooms.

(This report was recommitted.)

Commissioner PRENTISS moved to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for making the proposed changes.

Adopted.

Hall.—The CLERK submitted the form of lease of top loft of premises No. 166 Elm street for branch of Building Department.

Approved.

23d Ward.—The CLERK submitted the form of lease of premises No. 599 East 140th street in the 23d Ward, which was approved.

11th Ward.—The CLERK submitted the form of lease of premises No. 624 Fifth street, for Primary School No. 5, which was approved with an additional clause to provide that the expense for fuel shall be equally divided between the owners and the Trustees.

7th Ward.—From Trustees to pay the following named bills of Wm. F. Nealis for emergency plumbing work:

G. S. No. 2—Oct. 30, 1895,	$18 20
" " 12—Oct. 19, 1895,	13 10
" " 12—Oct. 9, 1895,	37 25
" " 12—Oct. 22, 1895,	18 30
" " 31—Sept. 17, 1895,	82 83
" " 31—Oct. 18, 1895,	22 10
P. S. No. 36—Oct. 5, 1895,	40 40
Total,	$232 18

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the applications be denied, the Trustees having incurred the expense contrary to the provisions of Section 67 of the by-laws.

Adopted.

The following named applications were denied:

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—1 wardrobe, 2 teachers' desks, 2 blackboards, with easels (2 desks were supplied from the storehouse on March 2. The other articles were denied on another application).

12th Ward—P. S. No. 21 and G. S. No. 52.—To advertise for new sheds to closets of P. S. No. 21 and for authority to advertise for proposals for fire-escapes for G. S. 52 (3 copies of specifications for sheds were sent to the Trustees for estimate on November 19, 1895, which have not yet been returned—fire escapes for G. S. No. 52 already allowed).

12th Ward—G. S. No. 54.—Springs for outside doors on playground floor (all doors are supplied with spring hinges).

12th Ward—G. S. No. 78.—To repair and paint roof $200 (will be included in specifications for summer work).

12th Ward—G. S. No. 93.—Springs on all outside doors on playground floor (all outside doors are at present provided with springs).

19th Ward—G. S. No. 74.—Repair, scrape and varnish furniture (desks and seats throughout this school, with the exception

of six rooms, have been repaired, scraped and varnished recently).

22d Ward—P. S. No. 41.—Platform at seats in rooms Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 21 and 22, and paint lines on blackboards for music in 22 rooms (entire work will not cost over $25, and can be paid from the Ward Incidental Fund).

16th Ward—G. S. No. 56.—Repairs to leaders (can be included in vacation repairs).

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

5th Ward—G. S. No. 44.—Tracing and repairing a leak in croton pipe (emergency), ...	$37.02
7th Ward—G. S. No. 12.—Three whole and three half desks, with seats, Room No. 17 (grammar desks), ...	30.65
7th Ward—G. S. No. 12.—Two teachers' desks (wardrobes and blackboards denied), . . .	24.00
9th Ward—G. S. No. 3.—Curtains to separate classes in Assembly room, F. D.	23.50
9th Ward—G. S. No. 3.—Supply closet for F. D. (Emergency)	45.00
19th Ward—G. S. No. 6.—Pay Blake & Williams for emergency repairs to heating apparatus . .	44.81
19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—Cabinet for storing specimens, etc.	25.00
19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—Pay Baker, Smith & Co. for emergency repairs to heating apparatus .	95.99
20th Ward—G. S. No. 33.—Lounge for teachers' room, P. D.	15.00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 33.—Battened doors; alter jambs, etc.	80.00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 48.—Altering rooms, transfer furniture, etc.	56.00
20th Ward—G. S. No. 48.—Roll top desk and carpet for principal's room	75.00
22d Ward—G. S. No. 28.—New furniture room No. 2 Annex	188.00

22d Ward—G. S. No. 69.—Additional blackboard surface	$109.44
22d Ward—G. S. No. 84.—New blackboards, F. & P. D.	174.72
24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Annex; pay for emergency plumbing	185.00
24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Annex; pay for emergency repairs, etc.	160.02
24th Ward—G. S. No. 65.—Pay for cleaning vaults (February 12)	31.68
24th Ward—G. S. No. 65.—Reading stand; roll top desk; 6 umbrella stands	74.00
24th Ward—G. S. No. 101.—Storm door and bell connections	98.50
24th Ward—P. S. No. 38.—Repair ceiling, playroom, boilerroom and regrade floor of porches, etc., etc.,	194.00
24th Ward—P. S. No. 45.—Pay for cleaning vaults (February 8)	18.18
24th Ward—P. S. No. 48.—New blackboards	84.90
Total	$1,676.41

The consideration of the following-named communications was laid over:

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32.—With reference to change in plans, etc.

20th Ward—P. S. No. 27.—With reference to change in plans, etc.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 70, 77 and 82.—To advertise for proposals for alterations in and additions to heating and ventilating apparatus.

Granted.

The Superintendent submitted a list of specifications which had been approved by Commissioner HURLBUT, acting for the Chairman, as follows:

11th Ward—G. S. No. 71—Sanitary work, March 18, 1896.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Heating, ventilating, etc., March 18, 1896.

8th Ward—G. S. No. 38.—Repairs, etc., March 20, 1896.

10th Ward—G. S. Nos. 20, 42 and P. S. No. 1.—Repairs, etc., March 20, 1896.

7th Ward—G. S. Nos. 12, 31 and P. S. No. 36.—Repairs, etc., March 20, 1896.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of Commissioner HURLBUT be approved.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following named specifications:

19th Ward—G. S. No. 77. Alterations in and additions to the heating and ventilating apparatus, March 27, 1896.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 17. Electric lighting, etc., March 28, 1896.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28. Alterations, repairs, sanitary work, etc., March 28, 1896.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted:

11th Ward—G. S. No. 88, Addition. Furniture Item No. 1—Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated April 1, 1895; extended to February 15, 1896.

15th Ward—G. S. No. 47. Furniture—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to February 21, 1896.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 19, Addition. Furniture Item No. 1—Favorite Desk and Seating Co., contractors; dated November 27, 1894; extended to December 31, 1895.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85. Furniture Item No. 1—Manhat-

tan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated August 9, 1895; extended to February 24, 1896.

23d Ward—Fox, Simpson and One hundred and Sixty-seventh streets, P. S. No. 33. Furniture Item No. 2—Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 5, 1895; extended to January 21, 1896.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for two weeks, ending with this date, the following named proposals were received for supplying the public schools with United States National Flags and flag poles:

For Flags.

Joseph A. Joel,	aggregate price	. .	$1,004.07
American Flag Co.,	"	" . .	1,067.30
Edward Miller,	"	" . .	987.50
* Andrew Mills,	"	" . .	922.85
M. Magee & Sons,	"	" . .	946.80
Ridabock & Co.,	"	" . .	2,176.20
† Forker & Baldwin,	"	" . .	919.30
‡ S. McFaddin & Co.,	"	" . .	
Andrews Mfg. Co.,	"	" . .	1,134.40

* Rejected, certified check not sufficient amount.
† Rejected, surety not resident of this city.
‡ Rejected, certified check not furnished.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved the contract be awarded to M. Magee & Son at the prices named in their proposal and that the Board be requested to make the necessary appropriation for the purpose of carrying out said contract.

Adopted.

For Flag Poles.

Chesebro, Whitman & Co. . . .	$3,990.00
John F. Walsh, Jr., ...	4,321.00
§ Pater Namee	3,750.00

§ Rejected, surety being a non-resident.

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Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the contract be awarded to Chesebro, Whitman & Co., at the price named in their contract, and that the Board be requested to appropriate the sum of $3,990 for the purpose of carrying out the same.

Adopted.

12th Ward—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Trustees for the Twelfth Ward be invited to appear before the Committee at a meeting to be held on April 2, 1896, for the purpose of explaining certain proposals submitted for repairing a ceiling in the Primary Department of Grammar School No. 39.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted the following named bills, in favor of Francis W. Ford, incurred by him in making building surveys:

9th Ward—March 18, 1896.—Nos. 216 and 218 West Thirteenth street	$25 00
23d Ward—March 17, 1896.—West side of Trinity avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth streets . .	55 00
24th Ward—March 20, 1896.—Third and Fulton avenues and One Hundred and Seventy-third street	85 00
11th Ward—March 25, 1896.—Nos. 269-275 East Fourth street	35 00
24th Ward—March 23, 1896.—Fordham avenue, City Island	45 00
11th Ward—March 26, 1896.—No. 268 Second street.	15 00
Total	$260 00

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the bills be paid.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3.45 o'clock, P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT and WEHRUM—4.

The following named payrolls were approved:

Inspectors new buildings, repairs, sanitary and heating, for two weeks ending with March 28, 1896.

Assistant Draughtsmen, month of March.

Furniture Inspectors and Draughtsman, month of March.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—4.

Commissioner HURLBUT was excused for non-attendance at this session.

12th Ward.—In response to the request of the Committee made at its meeting held March 30, 1896, for the Trustees of the 12th Ward to appear, Trustees Steele, Rasines and Rodenstein appeared before the Committee and were heard as to the proposals submitted by the Trustees of the Ward, for making repairs to a ceiling in Grammar School No. 39, Primary Department.

Hall.—From the Superintendent, requesting that the top loft of No. 166 Elm street recently authorized to be leased for the use of his department, be fitted up at an expense of not exceeding $200, for use as an estimating room instead of a room for the draughtsmen.

Granted.

The contract of Chesebro, Whitman & Co., for flag poles, was approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

23d Ward.—A communication was received from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stating that the owners of the premises No. 599 East 140th street refuse to lease the premises on the terms as proposed by the Committee, and will consider nothing less than a lease for eighteen months, at a rate of $1,800 per year and water tax.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees be authorized to lease the premises in question for eighteen months from April 15th, 1896, at an annual rental of $1,800 and water tax, the owner to accept the building at the expiration of the lease in the condition it may be in at that time.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the President of the Board had requested that Assembly Bill No. 1,947, with reference to sanitary conditions and proper ventilation in public buildings and school houses be brought to the attention of the Committee.

The following letter, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Health of the Assembly, was signed by each member of the Committee:

NEW YORK, April 6th, 1896.

Hon. H. T. ANDREWS,
Chairman, Committee on Public Health.
Assembly, State of New York.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, constituting the Building Committee of the Board of Education of the City of New York, re-

spectfully ask that Assembly Bill No. 1947, entitled, "An Act to secure proper sanitary conditions and proper ventilation in public buildings and school houses," be amended, exempting from its provisions the public schools of the City of New York, for the following reasons:

FIRST.—It has for some time been the settled policy of this Board of Education, as rapidly as money is granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, who control the appropriations for such expenditures, to improve and make perfect the sanitary condition of the older school buildings under its control.

SECOND.—It is also the settled policy of the Board of Education to introduce proper and sufficient ventilation into all school buildings under their control. The matter was taken up by this Committee in 1892, at which time the opinion and co-operation of the Board of Health of this City was asked. After careful consideration it was finally agreed that proper and sufficient ventilation be provided to each new school building, which, after conference with the Board of Health through its duly authorized representative and the investigations made by the Superintendent of School Buildings in various cities, was placed at 30 cubic feet of fresh air per child per minute.

This plan has been steadily followed, and each new school building that has been erected, and those which are now planned, have proper provision made for the supply of fresh and removal of vitiated air from each classroom.

THIRD.—The old school buildings are being similarly equipped as rapidly as possible. At the request of this Board of Education, there was presented to and passed by the Legislature in 1893, Chapter 432, Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act for improving the sanitary condition of the buildings of the common schools of the City of New York, by alterations in and additions to the present heating and ventilating apparatus thereof."

The date of the passage of this Act, April 19th, 1893, was too late to make the fund authorized thereby ($250,000), available for that year without closing for several months those schools in which work was to be done. Since then, however, progress has

been made in the introduction of ventilating apparatus in old school buildings to the extent that we confidently expect during this year to exhaust the whole appropriation authorized under the above mentioned act, and shall be obliged to ask the Board of Education to appeal to the next Legislature to authorize additional funds to carry on this most important work.

The Board of Education of the City of New York and this Committee are in entire harmony with the spirit of the proposed act, but the number and size of the public school buildings of this city render it physically impossible to conform to the letter of it, as it sets a time limit of four weeks for the doing of the work. Even if it were possible to prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids, as required by law, at the rate of two buildings per week, it would take upwards of one year to accomplish the desired results, during which time those schools in which work was being done would have to be closed, the net result of which would be that perhaps one half of the school year would be lost to the entire system.

It has been the policy of this Board of Education, as far as practical, to utilize the summer vacations for making desired improvements in the ventilation and sanitary conditions of the old school buildings, and, as above stated, rapid and, as we believe, satisfactory progress is being made.

If, however, you deem it against public policy to comply with our request to exempt the public schools of this city from the provisions of this act, then we most earnestly request that the bill be amended as follows:

First page, twelfth line, after the words "school house" add the words "is constructed to," so that it will read "whom such pub ic building or school house is constructed to accommodate."

Third page, line three, strike out the last word of the line "four" and substitute therefor the word "six." In the fourth line strike out the first word "weeks" and substitute therefor the word "months," so that it will read "six months" instead of "four weeks." We beg to suggest that even this will be short time when special action must be taken to secure the funds for the purpose.

The CITY SUPERINTENDENT submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *April* 6, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

In relation to the modes of egress from classrooms and the nearness of the same to the teacher in charge, I would say that the position of the classroom door (whether at front or back of room) is not of so much importance as the freeness of approach to the door. All obstructions to free approach to, and hindrance to opening of the door should be removed.

With reference to main room divisions, the conditions are so varying that no general rules can be formulated for the control of the doors (sliding or other).

When main rooms are used for classroom purposes there should be a central hall, whenever practicable, into which each classroom should open.

While considering the question of the location of the teacher in relation to the door, this point should be kept clearly in mind, namely, that it is of prime importance that the pupils should have the light over the left shoulder and that, whenever practicable, the furniture should be arranged so as to permit this.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

10th Ward—P. S. No. 37, Essex Market.—The Trustees of the 10th Ward appeared before the Committee and suggested amendments to the plans for altering the building.

The plans as amended were then approved.

13th Ward—P. S. No. 10.—Relative to the Janitor being absent, and an unlicensed man in his place—see minutes pp. 29 and 30. (Trustees to report.)

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32.—Consenting to proposition to put windows in the wings, as a part of the contemplated alterations in the school.

Approved.

20th Ward—P. S. No. 27.—Consenting to the improvement of the new lot and premises, as proposed by the Superintendent.

Approved.

23d Ward.—To prepare plans and specifications for a new school building at Trinity avenue and 135th street (see report of City Superintendent, minutes, p. 106, and Jol. Bd. of Ed., pp. 469, 470).

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that "the lot is 200 feet front and 125 feet deep. Plans for the Bedford Park school building can be readily adapted to meet the requirements of this site, and if the building is placed in the center of the plot, will give ample room for enlargement on both sides at any future time."

Plans as proposed by the Superintendent were approved.

The Board, on report of the Committee at its meeting held April 1st, authorized the Trustees to advertise for proposals for erecting a Primary School building to accommodate 1,200 pupils.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

11th Ward, No. 1—G. S. No. 15.—Slate blackboards for several rooms; teachers' desks, etc., . .	$110 48
12th Ward, No. 2—P. S. No. 32.—New furniture, N. W. classroom, ...	135 00
16th Ward, No. 3—G. S. No. 11.—Furniture, room No. 15, second floor, ...	169 60
16th Ward, No. 4—G. S. No. 56.—Furniture, room No. 5 on fourth floor, ...	134 00
19th Ward, No. 5—G. S. No. 27.—Three teachers' desks, M. D., ...	37 50
19th Ward, No. 6—G. S. No. 70.—Teachers' desks and chairs, M. D., ...	73 00
19th Ward, No. 7—G. S. No. 73.—Chairs and teachers' desks, F. D., ...	29 70
22d Ward, No. 8—G. S. No. 28.—Venetian blinds,	32 07
Total	721 35

The following named applications were denied:

15th Ward—G. S. No. 35.—Chairs for Principal's platform (chairs at present in use are in good condition).

16th Ward—G. S. No. 11.—New furniture for classroom, second floor (already allowed).

An extension of time for the completion of the following-named contracts was granted:

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—Furniture—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated August 9th, 1895; extended to February 24th, 1896.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32.—Furniture—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12th, 1895; extended to March 26th, 1896.

23d Ward—P. D. G. S. No. 60.—Repairs, etc.—Kyritz and Valentine, contractors; dated July 24, 1895; extended to February 22d, 1896.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85.—From the Counsel to the Corporation as follows:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.
NEW YORK, *April* , 1896.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN, Esq.,
Clerk of the Board of Education.

SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication dated February 4th, 1896, in which on behalf of the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, you request that the proper steps be taken to protect the interests of the City in the property of Grammar School No. 85, at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, near Brook avenue. Upon investigation it appears that retaining walls have recently been erected along a part of the westerly line of this property by the owner of the property No. 731 East

One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and that those retaining walls were built upon the school property mentioned.

Although the erection of the retaining walls upon the school property is a technical violation of the City's rights, it would not be advisable to attempt to prevent such a violation by injunction, for the element of damage being absent the decisions do not sustain such an application to the courts.

A careful examination of the law reveals, however, the fact that a right of action exists which would in effect determine the title to the property encroached upon, and thus prevent acquisition of title by the adverse possession of the person erecting these party walls.

If you should deem it advisable, an instrument might be procured from the trespasser, relinquishing any claim to the property upon which these retaining walls have been erected, by which means the result sought for in an expensive litigation would be accomplished.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Referred to Trustees Twenty-third Ward.

19th Ward. -The CHAIRMAN stated that on April 1st, 1896, he approved the specifications for sanitary work at Grammar Schools Nos. 18, 53, 74 and 77.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the report of the City Superintendent, as to manner in which the Janitors had performed their duty during the month of March, be referred to Superintendent Snyder to make a comparison with the report made for February, and report the same to this Committee.

Adopted.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—To repair piano in the Primary Department.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board an appropriation of $80 from the Piano Fund, to repair the piano in question.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held April 6th, as printed, were approved.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—To build a wing and fire escapes (see report of City Superintendent, Minutes, p. 93).

Laid over for receipt of report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

13th and **20**th Wards—G. S. 34 and 28.—Relative to report of Inspectors of 2d and 7th school districts—with reference to the condition in which premises are kept by the janitors. (Salary withheld by order of the Committee—see Minutes, p. 30; also p. 92.)

The Superintendent recommended that the salary withheld from the janitors of these schools be restored, the buildings having been properly cleaned.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the salaries of the janitors in question be restored.

Adopted.

The Superintendent presented a report suggesting that the Trustees of the respective wards be requested to notify the Clerk of this Board of the date of removal of a janitor from school premises, in order that the rent allowance may be added to the pay roll at the proper time.

Approved.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 32 and P. S. No. 27.—Janitors of these schools appeared before the Committee and stated that they could not secure living apartments at the rental allowed by the Committee.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the matter of rent to be allowed the janitors in question, be referred to the Superintendent for report.

Adopted.

23d Ward—No. 599 E. 140th Street.—The Superintendent reported that to fit up these premises (recently authorized to be leased) for the temporary accommodation of three classes until vacation time, would cost about $200.

Approved, and Trustees to make the necessary application for an appropriation.

The Superintendent reported that he had suspended Jacob Warner, one of his inspectors, for neglect of duty.

Mr. Warner appeared before the Committee.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that Mr. Warner be reinstated in his position and that he be censured by the Chairman.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a statement of the amount of money which will be required for payment of wages of Inspectors and Draughtsmen from May 1st to November 1st, 1896, from the Bond account:

Inspectors	$11,234.50
Draughtsmen	14,088.32
	$25,322.82

Also that there will remain a balance of present appropriation after May 1st of about $6,961.58 which he requested be reserved for payment of additional Inspectors and Draughtsmen if needed.

Approved, and to be submitted to the Finance Committee.

The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint from Mrs. Ellen Collins, Inspector 5th District, with reference to certain rooms in Grammar School No. 35, 15th Ward, and Grammar School No. 40, in the 23d Ward, which he had responded to.

Placed on file.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Trustee Whalen appeared before the Committee and stated that the springs on the outside doors on playground floor of G. S. No. 10, complained of, and for which application for an appropriation was denied March 16th (Minutes, p. 82), were now in working order.

The following named applications were granted:

1st Ward—G. S. No. 29.—Advertise for connecting school building with fire alarm system of N. Y. City.

10th Ward—P. S. No. 1.—Advertise for new slate blackboards.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 72.—To advertise for placing fire escapes ordered by the Building Department.

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—Pay bills for taking down and resetting boilers in December, 1895, $501.17, incurred as an emergency under the authority of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved, and that this Committee recommend to the Board an appropriation of $501.17 for payment of the bills incurred.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—For a gymnasium, with necessary appliances.

Referred to Superintendent of School Buildings and City Superintendent for report.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 19.—Henry J. Appel, Jr., stating that

the premises cannot be leased for three years from February 1st, as authorized by this Board, for the reason that the present owners are not in a position to sign the lease for a longer term than one year, owing to the fact that the westerly 22 feet of the premises, principally covered by water closets, had been sold together with the corner property.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Trustees make effort to secure the premises for as long a term as possible, and make application to this Board for an amendment to the authority which authorized the leasing for three years.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 24.—To pay Patrick Barry for services as acting janitor from September 8th to November 18th, 1895.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Barry was licensed as janitor on November 13th, 1895, being paid on the pay-roll from the 18th of November. Notice of his appointment was received on September 13th, 1895, but not having his address, and there being no urgent need of a janitor in the school, the building still being in the hands of the contractor, he did not send for Mr. Barry to take his examination until October 7th; he was successful and was licensed on November 13th; also, that he was not aware that Mr. Barry had gone on duty until he stated the fact at the time he was taking an examination.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that Mr. Barry be paid for services rendered from November 13th to 18th, 1895.

Adopted.

24th Ward—P. S. No. 18.—Mr. J. Frederick Gade was licensed for the position of janitor of this school.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4.—From Trustees to lease premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, for two years from May 1st, 1896, as an annex to G. S. No. 4, at $600 each per annum.

The Clerk reported that on February 5th, 1896, the Board of Education, on recommendation of the Committee, authorized the

Trustees to lease these premises for a term of three years and four months, from March 1st, 1896, at annual rental of $450 each.

At a meeting of the Committee held March 2d, the Trustees reported that no satisfactory arrangements could be made with the tenants, and had concluded to lay the matter over until May 1st, 1896. The Superintendent reports that the Trustees through their clerk subsequently reported to him that the lease from May 1st, 1896, would be increased to $600 each per annum.

Ordered, That said application be placed on file.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 53.—Trustees asked for a hearing, on the amount reported to be allowed the janitor for rent of premises outside the school building.

Granted, and Trustees to be invited to attend the next meeting.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 94.—To advertise for proposals for erecting an annex.

The City Superintendent reported that the neighborhood in the place referred to is in a condition of rapid development, and the said school is already occupied to its full seating capacity, and scholars asking admission have been refused to the number of 31.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to report to the Board authorizing the Trustees to advertise for proposals for erecting an annex to G. S. No. 94 when the title to the property upon which it is proposed to erect the annex shall have been transferred to the city.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following-named specifications:

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14.—Repairs, etc., April 8th, 1896.

11th Ward—G. S. Nos. 15, 22, 36, 71, 88, and P. S. No. 31.—Repairs, etc., April 13th, 1896.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 49.—Alteration in and addition to heating and ventilating apparatus April 13th, 1896.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

21st Ward—P. S. No. 16.—For an appropriation of $20 from Piano Fund of 1895 to pay bill for repairs, etc., to two pianos, incurred in December, 1895.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board for appropriation.

The following-named application was denied:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 83.—Wooden partition in yard to screen water closets; metal plates on pupils' stairs, all the way up. (Do not consider plates necessary. Cost of screen will not exceed $10, and can be paid from Ward Incidental.)

The following named applications for increase in rent allowance for janitor's residing outside of the School Buildings, were referred to the Superintendent for report, and the janitors of the respective Schools named, invited to be present at the next session of the Committee:

13th Ward—P. S. Nos. 10 and 20.
22d Ward—G. S. No. 94.

An extension of time for the completion of work on the following named contracts was granted:

13th Ward—Addition G. S. No. 4.—Furniture—Item 1—Andrews' Mfg. Co., contractors; dated April 1st, 1895; extended to October 15th, 1895.

22d Ward—P. S. No. 41.—Heating closets, etc.—John Spence, contractor; dated February 3d, 1896; extended to March 20th, 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 97.—Repairs, etc.—John F. Johnson, contractor; dated January 13th, 1896; extended to March 14th, 1896.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 5.—Lease of E. 5th street.—The

CHAIRMAN stated that he had received a communication from the representative of the premises of the Hebrew Free School Association at No. 624 E. 5th street (see minutes, p. 70), in which he agrees to lease said premises on the terms that the Association pay for gas consumed by it from a separate meter; coal consumed to be paid pro rata, at the rate of annual cost of coal consumed by said Association during the twelve months.

Approved.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 90.—For an additional appropriation for repairing gymnasium apparatus.

Laid over to await receipt of bill.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 1.—**7**th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—F. D., desks and seats, book closet, etc.	$99 00
App. No. 2.—**22**d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Repair doors, jambs, etc. (Action in denying this application, minutes, p. 83, rescinded.)	65 00
App. No. 3.—**4**th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—Resilicate eight black boards	24 00
App. No. 4.—**4**th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—Chairs and one teachers' desk	52 00
App. No. 5.—**9**th Ward—G. S. No. 16.—Curtains, etc., to divide assembly room	24 50
App. No. 6.—**12**th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Cabinets .	100 00
App. No. 7.—**12**th Ward—G. S. No. 24.—Six umbrella stands	27 00
App. No. 8.—**20**th Ward—G. S. 33.—Fit up classroom, southeast wing, P. D.	158 00
Total	$549 50

The following named applications were granted:

19th Ward—To pay the following named bills from unexpended balance of $200 appropriated July 8th, 1895, for vacation

repairs to G. S. No. 6, from Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895 (app. No. 166):

Patrick Sullivan, painting, etc., G. S. No. 73, Sept.	$43 00
P. Greene, steam fitting, G. S. No. 53, Nov. 12	12 21
" repairing engine, G. S. No. 27, Nov. 20	11 65
Total	$66 86

19th Ward—G. S. No. 6.—For an additional appropriation of $12 in addition to appropriation of $68, made March 27th, 1895, for drying frames, to be taken from unexpended balance of $200 appropriated July 8, 1895, for vacation repairs to G. S. No. 6 from Buildings Contingent Fund (app. No. 166).

The following named application was denied:

9th Ward—P. S. No. 7.—Two lounges for teachers' retiring rooms; (not necessary).

20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 32 and 33.—The SUPERINTENDENT submitted a report with reference to two bills of James Curran Mfg. Co., for heating apparatus work, $25 each, incurred in addition to appropriations of $95 each, made for vacation repairs on July 8th, 1895.

Ordered, That the two bills, $25 each, be allowed from the Incidental Fund of the 20th Ward, provided there is a sufficient balance in said fund to permit of their payment.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 21:—Fit up two rooms on top floor for classrooms. (Laid over.)

The consideration of the matter of advertising for proposals for supplying five new pianos was laid over.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 23 and G. S. No. 43.—For an upright piano for Kindergarten classes. (Laid over.)

1st Ward—G. S. No. 29.—For a new piano, cover and stool. (Laid over.)

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Joseph J. Little, Chairman, and Commissioners Adams, Hurlbut and Wehrum—4.

Commissioner Prentiss was excused for non-attendance at this session.

The minutes of the meetings held March 30th, April 1st, 2d, and 13th, as printed, were approved.

12th Ward.—Commissioner Hurlbut moved that the Trustees of the 12th Ward be notified that this Committee will not consider any application from said Trustees until a report is made by them on the subject of the fraudulent bids submitted with their application for making repairs to the ceiling in Primary Department, Grammar School No. 39, which Trustee Steel promised to make, at a meeting of the Committee held April 2d, 1896.

Adopted.

12th Ward.—The following-named applications from the Trustees of the 12th Ward were laid upon the table until the Trustees make a report as per foregoing resolution:

G. S. No. 24.—Desk for platform; carpet Principal's room.

G. S. No. 72.—Carpet and lounge for teachers' room; six high chairs; clock for main room.

G. S. No. 78.—Two dozen high and two dozen low chairs; 15 umbrella racks.

G. S. No. 83, Annex.—Six stoves to heat Annex; also other stoves.

G. S. No. 89.—Two book-cases for Primary Department.

P. S. No. 28.—Furnish teachers' room.

P. S. No. 32.—Furnish northeast classroom.

G. S. No. 10.—For a Gymnasium. (Recommended by City Superintendent.)

P. S. No. 21.—To fit up two rooms on top floor for classrooms.

P. S. No. 23.—Upright piano for kindergarten class.

G. S. No. 43.—Upright piano for kindergarten class.

G. S. No. 5.—To fit up modeling room and workshop in M. D.

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G. S. No. 10.—To pay John C. Lester for services as Acting Janitor in December, 1895, $199.

G. S. No. 10.—Book closets, shelving, enlarge wardrobes, etc.

G. S. No. 10.—Change and fit up wardrobes in both departments.

G. S. No. 24.—Furniture for gallery.

G. S. No. 54.—Door checks, etc.; spring for doors.

G. S. No. 72.—Iron doors in basement leading to boiler room.

G. S. No. 93.—Desks for two classes in main room; 6 low chairs; one book cabinet.

G. S. No. 93.—Wardrobe and two seats in front room, M. D.

G. S. No. 93.—Wardrobe and two seats in rear room, M. D.

P. S. No. 21.—Radiators placed on stairs.

12th Ward, P. S. No. 21.—Notice from Department of Buildings, requiring fire escapes on the building.

The Superintendent reported: "These stairs were in the building when we leased it, and approved at that time by the then Superintendent of Buildings. The present Superintendent has ordered changes, which of course must be made; cost will be about $500."

Ordered, That the Trustees be requested to make application to the Board of Education for authority to make the changes ordered by the Department of Buildings.

15th Ward, P. S. No. 25.—To move the rear wall and to

make other changes as suggested by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Referred to Commissioners ADAMS, WEHRUM and HURLBUT for examination, and report.

24th Ward, G. S. No. 63.—The Superintendent submitted the sketch plans and report in reference to a new school building at 173d street and Third avenue.

Approved.

24th Ward—CITY ISLAND.—The Superintendent submitted sketch plans and report, in reference to a new school building to be erected at City Island.

Approved.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 98.—Pay bill of James Gamble, Janitor, for rent during November and December, 1895—$36.84.

The Superintendent reported that a similar application was acted upon by the Committee on Dec. 26, 1895 (Minutes, p. 384) whereby the allowance for rent, according to the by-laws, was granted.

Placed on file.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 88.—To advertise for proposals to alter former janitor's apartments into classrooms, etc.

The Superintendent of School Buildings and City Superintendent recommended that the application be approved.

Granted.

15th Ward—P. S. No. 25.—Commissioner WEHRUM moved to reconsider the action taken by the Committee on School Furniture on Dec. 3, 1895, in denying the application from Trustees to remove all school furniture not in use, doors, partitions, etc.

Adopted. (See Appropriation No. 22.)

18th Ward—P. S. No. 4.—For an additional allowance for rent for janitor.

The Superintendent reported that apartments of six rooms,

without bath, can be obtained at No. 429 E. 16th street for $20 per month. The rent allowance already made is $294 per year, or the multiple of 13 nearest to $20 per month. If the request be complied with, it would be a total cost of $534 per year.

Placed on file and Trustees to be notified.

A communication was received from the Examining Board of Plumbers, addressed to the President, in regard to an unlicensed plumber.

Placed on file.

HALL-ANNEX.—The Superintendent submitted a bill of Albert Ravekes & Son, dated March 20, 1896, amounting to $163.95, for moving the estimating room in the Annex No. 160 Elm street, from the fourth floor to the third floor, also repairing main stairs of the Hall of the Board.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid from the appropriation "Repairs to Buildings."

Adopted.

5th Ward, P. S. No. 11 (2 applications).—One to allow the Janitor to remain in the building; the other to allow him $286 for rent.

Laid over, for report from Board of Health.

13th Ward, P. S. No. 10.—To increase the rent allowance for the Janitor.

A communication was received from the Janitor in which he states that he has secured premises within the limit of amount already allowed him.

Placed on file.

20th Ward, P. S. No. 27.—To increase rent allowance for Janitor.

A communication was received from the Board of Health consenting to the Janitor of P. S. No. 27 and his family occupying the school premises.

Placed on file.

Ordered, That the following-named Janitors be allowed an addition annual salary as named herein, being an allowance for rental of premises outside of the school building, viz.:

26th Ward—G. S. No. 32, . . .	$299	per annum.
13th Ward—P. S. No. 20, . . .	273	" "
22d Ward—G. S. No. 94, . . .	273	" "

23d Ward—G. S. No. 90.—For an additional allowance for repairing gymnasium apparatus. (Laid over for bill.)

19th Ward—G. S. No. 53—Trustees request that the janitor be permitted to reside in the building.

Trustee Fettretch was present and was requested to present the matter in writing so that a proper presentation of the facts could be made to the Board of Health.

The following named applications were laid over:

1st Ward—G. S. No. 29.—For a new piano cover and stool.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—To build a wing and fire escapes. (See report of City Superintendent—Minutes, p. 93.)

Superintendent of School Buildings to report.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—Matter of licensing Bernard Byrne as janitor.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 17.—P. D. new furniture in Rooms Nos. 10 and 17; 5 teacher's desks, 2 dozen chairs, change position of desks in six rooms.

The following named applications were denied:

4th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—To have pupils' wardrobes placed in playroom, etc. (Chairman of the Board of Trustees reports the work not required.)

11th Ward—P. S. No. 5.—Remove furniture from P. S. No. 5 to the temporary school quarters, No. 624 Fifth street. (Work of fitting up the premises is to be advertised and specifications will include the removal and replacing furniture.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 72.—To advertise for placing fire escapes on the building. (Authority already given April 13, 1896.)

24th Ward—G. S. No. 101.—Pupils' desks for one 6th grade primary classroom ; also pupils' desks for one 3d grade primary classroom. (Will be included in specifications for new furniture.)

21st Ward—P. S. No. 16.—To paint the roof. (Repairs and painting of roof will be included in specification for vacation repairs.)

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings' Contingent Fund :

App. No. 9—**4**th Ward, P. S. No. 14.—Desks and chairs,	$19	50
App. No. 10—**11**th Ward, G. S. No. 71.—New closet, .	30	00
App. No. 11—**11**th Ward, G. S. No. 88.—Supply two rooms in main building with Powers' System of Temperature Regulator, .	200	00
App. No. 12—**14**th Ward, P. S. No. 30.—Blackboards, .	13	75
App. No 13—**19**th Ward, G. S. No. 6.—Eight book closets, ...	98	00
App. No. 14—**19**th Ward, G. S. No. 77.—Repair closets in Teacher's room, F. D., . . .	55	00
App. No. 15—**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 58.—Remove partition dividing grammar yard from primary yard, ...	25	00
App. No. 16—**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 84.—Syphon attachments for closets, ...	198	50
App. No. 17—**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 87.—Repair Venetian blinds, ...	68	00
App. No. 18—**22**d Ward, P. S. No. 41.—New blackboards, ...	127	43
App. No. 19—**24**th Ward, G. S. No. 63.—Clean vaults. (Emergency), ...	17	37
App. No. 20—**24**th Ward. G. S. No. 64.—(Annex). Desks, seats, chairs, etc. (Emergency),	179	00
App. No. 21—**24**th Ward, G. S. No. 65.—Clean vaults. (Emergency), ...	19	08
App. No. 22—**15**th Ward, P. S. No. 25.—Move furniture, partition, etc., ...	19	00
Total, ...	$1,069	63

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following-named specifications:

1st Ward—G. S. No. 29.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
7th Ward—G. S. No. 31.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
10th Ward—G. S. No. 20.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
10th Ward—P. S. No. 1.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
11th Ward—G. S. No. 22.—Furniture, April 22d.
13th Ward—P. S. No. 40.—Heating, etc., April 21st.
14th Ward—P. S. No. 30.—New furniture, April 25th.
17th Ward—G. S. No. 19.—Heating, etc., April 25th.
20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 26 and 33.—Heating, etc., April 25th.
23d Ward—G. S. No. 90.—Heating, etc., April 25th.
23d Ward—G. S. Nos. 60, 61 and 90; P. D. No. 60.—Furniture, April 22d.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the CHAIRMAN be approved.

Adopted.

An extension of time for the completion of contracts was granted on the following-named contracts:

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—Heating and Ventilating—Blake & Williams, contractors; dated August 2d, 1895; extended to April 23d, 1896.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85.—Furniture Item No. 2—Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated July 29th, 1895; extended to March 31, 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 101.—Repairs, etc.—John F. Johnson, contractor, dated January 13th, 1896; extended to April 1st, 1896.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4, *Annex.*—Application to lease premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, at an annual rental of $600 each, in lieu of $450 each heretofore granted, the Trustees being unable to hire the premises in question at an annual rental of $450 each.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees be requested to report to this Committee at its meeting to be held May 4th, whether the premises cannot be leased for two years with a privilege of renewal for one year.

Adopted.

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2, *Annex.*—A communication was received from the Clerk of the Board of Education, notifying the Committee that the Trustees had been notified that the lease of premises No. 124 Henry street would expire on June 18th, 1896.

Placed on file.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Committee on School System be respectfully requested to reconsider its action in recommending an amendment to sec. 74 of the by-laws (Jol. Bd. of Ed., p. 527) providing that "janitors are not to leave the building while the school is in session without the permission of the Principal," and to recommend a bylaw which shall prohibit janitors from leaving the school building during school hours, under any and all consideration.

Adopted.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 42.—Commissioner HURLBUT, called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the sessions of this school had been suspended in consequence of contagious disease in the family of the janitor, and moved that the Trustees be notified that it is the opinion of the Committee, if the Trustees had complied with the new rules which require janitors to remove from the school buildings, and as directed by the Board of Health, the necessity would not have arisen for closing the school; also that the janitor and his family should be removed from the school building at once.

Adopted.

13th Ward—P. S. No. 10.—Notifying the Committee that the janitor had so far recovered his health, as to enable him to return and resume his duties as janitor.

Place on file.

12th Ward—New School Building, 119th st.—From the Superintendent recommending that in preparing plans and specifications for furniture, that he also include the fitting up of gymnasium and manual Training rooms.

Approved.

PIANOS.—Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board, that the Committee be authorized to advertise in the *City Record* for two weeks for proposals for supplying two upright and three square pianos.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Superintendent cause an inventory of all pianos in the public schools to be made; also as to their condition, etc.

Adopted.

10th Ward, G. S. No 75.—Repair pianos in Male and Primary Departments at cost of $100.

The Superintendent reported the lowest estimate received from the Trustees, based upon specifications prepared in his office, is $70 for repairing the instrument in the P. D., we can only appropriate for this piano.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that an appropriation of $70 be made from the Piano Fund, to repair the piano in the Primary Department of Grammar School No. 75.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a report, showing a test made by the machine for testing cement.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board, April 1st (Fol., pp. 447, 448), he had appointed the following-named Assistant Draughtsmen, payable from the Bond account:

E. Gordon Hopper, $21 per week, on duty April 13; Thomas Benton Wood, $3 per week (on trial), on duty April 27.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that for the purpose of selecting competent Inspectors, he, acting under the authority of the Committee, had caused a competitive examination to be held, and presented the ratings of the various applicants, and asked that the envelopes containing the names and numbers of the competitors be now opened by the Committee, that the names of the various applicants might be entered against their respective numbers, by which they had been known in the examination, and the ratings to which their papers entitled them.

The Committee then proceeded to open the envelopes and enter the names as requested by the Superintendent.

CHAS. J. GIBLIN,	Mason.	FRANCIS F. FLOOD,	Mason.
JOHN W. FRANKLIN,	"	FRANK J. CONNELL,	"
JOHN GUY,	"	JOHN S. ELLISON,	Plumbing.
PETER J. TREACY,	"	ROBERT W. RODMAN,	"
JENKIN JONES,	"	PETER J. REILLY,	Mason.
ANDREW RIENDEAU, JR.,	"	EDWARD J. YOUDALE,	"
MICHAEL F. KEENAN,	"	JOHN SAXTON MCCARTNEY,	"
JOSEPH COAR,	"	JOHN F. MULLIGAN,	"
MICHAEL F. LONG,	"	CHARLES K. HYDE,	"
ROBERT WILKIN,	"	THOMAS BUTLER,	"

Commissioner WEHRUM that the matter of a selection of Inspectors be referred to the Chairman and Superintendent with power.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day, at 3:15 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held April 27th, as printed, were approved.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—To build a wing and fire escapes (see Report of City Supt., p. 93).

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the fire escapes be included in the specifications for improving the lot and premises.

Adopted.

The matter of building a wing was denied.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that hereafter applications for re-adjustment of allowances made to Janitors for rent of premises outside the school buildings, be referred to the Chairman and Superintendent of School Buildings with power.

Adopted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 53.—To allow Janitor to reside on the school premises (see Minutes, page 123).

A communication was received from Trustee Fettretch setting forth the facts as to why the Janitor should not be required to move from the premises.

The consideration of the matter was laid over for report from the Board of Health.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—Matter of licensing Bernard Byrne as Janitor.

Laid over.

15th Ward—P. S No. 25.—To remove the rear wall and make other changes as suggested by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Sub-Committee, appointed April 27th (Minutes, pp. 120 and 121), to consider this matter, reported that the contemplated improvements, as suggested by the Superintendent, should be approved.

Laid over.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4, ANNEX.—To hire premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street for two years, at an annual rental of $600 each.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

5th Ward—P. S. No. 11.—Board of Health consenting to the Janitor residing on the school premises,

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Janitor of P. S. No. 11 be permitted to reside on the school premises.

Adopted.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 31.—Board of Health consenting to the Janitor residing on the school premises,

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Janitor of P. S. No. 31 be permitted to reside on the school premises.

Adopted.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 90.—For an additional appropriation for repairing Gymnasium apparatus. (Laid over for receipt of the bill.)

24th Ward—P. S. 39, ANNEX (Bronxdale).—The Superintendent submitted the plans for the new Annex to be erected at Bronxdale for P. S. No. 39.

Approved.

The Superintendent reported that he had appointed the following named Inspector and Draughtsman, after consultation with the Chairman:

Robert W. Rodman, Sanitary Inspector, at a rate of wages of $4.50 per day, for actual services, commencing with April 29th, payable from the appropriation "Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of."

Arthur H. Bussmann, Assistant Draughtsman, at rate of wages $10 per week, commencing with April 27th, payable from the Bond Account.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Chairman and Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 28.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings stating that an order had been issued by the Board of Health against the owner of premises in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, at the rear of Primary School No. 28; Nos. 179–181 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, requiring him to clear off the rubbish from the premises, level the ground, grading, draining, etc.; also the attorneys of the owners ask for a modification of the order in reference to building a retaining wall across the rear of the property, necessary to flow the water to the front, for reason that it would close up the rear of the school premises and render the basement untenantable. The premises are leased by this Board at annual rental of $3,750, lease of which will expire May 1st, 1899.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to confer with the Trustees of the Twelfth Ward and Board of Health.

The Superintendent presented a report with reference to sash of the Revolving Sash Co., in the American Tract Society Building.

Laid over.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Board of Trustees of the different Wards be notified to advise the Committee on Buildings at once, of any cases where the Janitors have not removed from the School Buildings, and the reasons therefor.

Adopted.

The following named applications were referred to the Chairman and Superintendent as per resolution heretofore adopted:

10th Ward.—G. S. Nos. 7, 20, 42.—P. S. 1.—For additional rent allowance for Janitors.

10th Ward.—P. S. No. 1.—To be heard in reference to Janitor's premises.

16th Ward.—G. S. No. 56.—For additional rent allowance for the Janitor.

21st Ward.—P. S. No. 16.—To permit the Janitor to reside on the School premises.

12th Ward.—G. S. No. 86.—Trustees addressed to Board of Health, in regard to allowing the Janitor to reside on the school premises.

10th Ward.—P. S. No. 37.—ESSEX MARKET.—Trustees request this Board to send to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, a request that they find suitable rooms for the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The Superintendent reported that this matter was before the Committee on February 3, 1896, and a communication was ordered addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, requesting them to expedite the matter of removing the Firemen's Association from the third floor, in order that the proposed changes may be made (see Minutes, p. 25); also, March 4, 1896, the Board of Education adopted a resolution requesting the Comptroller to take steps to make vacant these rooms (Journal Bd. of Ed., pp. 170, 271, 345).

Ordered, That a letter be prepared giving all the facts in the case, and be presented to the Board of Education.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 45.—To advertise for proposals for supplying furniture for four rooms on third floor.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

An extension of time for the completion of the following-named contracts was granted:

17th Ward—G. S. No. 25 (Addition).—Furniture, Item No. 1—Andrews School Furnishing Co., contractors; dated August 21, 1894; extended to July 12, 1895.

17th Ward—P. S. No. 22.—Furniture, Item No. 1—Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 5, 1895; extended to March 18, 1896.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Furniture—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors; dated July 12, 1895; extended to March 3, 1896.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—New Building N. E. corner 82d street and West End avenue.—P. J. Walsh, contractor, dated May 3d, 1894; extended to May 4th, 1896.

The following named applications were denied:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 57.—Rattan couch and cushion; book case for library books. (Contract for book cases for State Library has been awarded by the Committee on Supplies).

12th Ward—G. S. No. 93.—Window sashes and sliding doors in partition, rear room of M. D. (No necessity for sliding partitions, provision having been made in specifications for placing sashes in present partitions for light and ventilation).

12th Ward—G. S. No. 95.—Cut windows to supply proper ventilation for class-rooms. (Provided for in specifications for repairs).

16th Ward—G. S. No. 45.—Roll top desk for assembly room P. D. (Desk to be included with furniture which is to be advertised).

19th Ward—G. S. No. 18.—Blackboards for walls of room on ground floor; teacher's desk and book case. (Have been furnished from stock on hand).

19th Ward—G. S. No. 18.—Furniture for a class-room on the ground floor, to do away with the class now at the left of principal's desk. (Has been supplied from our stock of second hand furniture).

22d Ward—G. S. No. 28.—Repair range in Janitor's apartments. (Janitor's apartments are to be remodeled for school purposes.)

22d Ward—G. S. No. 28.—General repairs, glass, sash cords, furniture, blinds, etc. (These small repairs can be included in specifications for vacation work at this school.)

The following named appropriations were made from the Building Contingent Fund:

App. No. 23—**4**th Ward, P. S. No. 14.—New furniture for highest grade in room No. 6, 3d story; also 3 teachers' desks and 3 book closets, ... $189 00

App. No. 24—**8**th Ward, G. S. No. 8.—Substitute in 8th grade, room No. 11, 2d floor, grammar furniture for boys, ... 145 00

App. No. 25—**11**th Ward, G. S. No. 88.—New washout, water closet, etc., ... 45 00

App. No. 26—**16**th Ward, G. S. No. 45, P. D.—Blackboards rooms Nos. 5, 7, 10, . . . 21 90

App. No. 27—**16**th Ward, G. S. No. 55.—Additional gas fixtures, ... 119 70

App. No. 28—**16**th Ward, G. S. No. 56.—Pay Wm. Horne for emergency repairs in basement and at water closet on 3d floor, . 116 48

App. No. 29—**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 58.—Emergency repairs to sewer and supply pipes—bill of John Buchanan, ... 167 46

App. No. 30—**23**d Ward, P. S. No. 33.—Cleaning cesspools. (Emergency, March 28), . 50 00

App. No. 31—**23**d Ward, Premises No 599 E. One Hundred and Fortieth street.—Water closet in basement—recently leased. (Emergency), ... 200 00

Total, ... $1,054 54

The following-named appropriation was made from the Building Contingent Fund of 1895:

7th Ward, G. S. No. 2.—Pay for emergency plumbing work—bill of Wm. T. Nealis, Oct. 21 ($127.65), ... $126 45

Commissioner WEHRUM submitted a number of bills incurred by the Trustees of the 24th Ward, subsequent to the annexation of the new district during 1895, and submitted a draft of a report prepared by the Finance Committee for submission to the Board of Education providing the necessary funds for their payment.

The report was approved, and bills referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

DIVISION OF REFERENCE AND RESEARCH
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MONDAY, MAY 11, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 5.—To amend terms of lease of premises No. 624 Fifth street by inserting the following:

"Reserving, however, to the parties of the first part the use of the said premises excepting upon each and every school day prior to 3:30 P. M."

Approved.

12th Ward—Matter of proposals submitted by the Trustees, with their application to repair, etc., the ceiling in a room in P. D. No. 39.

The following named persons appeared before the Committee and made statements with reference to the proposals submitted:

Trustees Rasines, Whalen, Rodenstein, and Sterne; Messrs. Van Tine, Hart and Jacques.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that inasmuch as the Trustees of the Twelfth Ward appeared before the Committee and explained the manner in which the disputed estimates were obtained, that the further consideration of the matter be dismissed.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at 4 P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meetings held May 6th and 11th as printed, were approved.

22d Ward, G. S. No. 9.—Matter of licensing Bernard Byrne as Janitor. (Laid over.)

The consideration of the following-named applications was laid over:

12th Ward, G. S. No. 10.—Change and fit up wardrobes in both departments.

12th Ward, P. S. No. 21.—Place radiators on stairs. (Superintendent to report.)

23d Ward, G. S. No. 90.—Additional appropriation for repairing gymnasium apparatus. (Awaiting bills.)

The following-named applications were granted, having been reported favorably by the Superintendent:

15th Ward, P. S. No. 25.—Advertise to remove rear wall and make other changes.

12th Ward, G. S. No. 10.—Advertise for proposals for fitting up a gymnasium and necessary appliances.

12th Ward, P. S. No. 21.—Advertise for proposals to fit up two rooms on top floor for class rooms; also for fire escapes.

12th Ward, G. S. No. 5, M. D.—Advertise to fit up modeling room and workshop.

12th Ward, G. S. No. 5, P. D.—Advertise for proposals to fit up modelling room.

11th Ward, P. S. No. 5.—Advertise for proposals to fit up No. 624 Fifth St., recently hired for temporary quarters.

22d Ward, G. S. No. 17, P. D.—Advertise for proposals for new furniture, teachers' desks, chairs, etc.; change position of desks in six class rooms. (To be advertised in connection with authority already granted the grammar department.)

Report from the Superintendent with reference to sash of the Revolving Sash Co., placed in American Tract Society Building, to the effect that the window in his opinion had not passed the experimental stage.

Referred back to the Superintendent for a further report when window was perfected.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 43 and P. S. No. 23.—For upright piano for Kindergarten classes.

On file, as authority already granted to advertise.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10.—Pay John C. Lester $199 for services as Acting Janitor for December.

On file, as already granted, and reported to the Board.

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2, Annex.—To re-hire premises No. 124 Henry street, for one year, from June 18th, 1896. (Present rental $2,100 per annum.)

These premises are under condemnation proceedings, and the Superintendent reported that the Commissioners of Estimate are to submit their report to the Supreme Court on June 15th, and the award may be confirmed on the same day, or within a few days thereafter.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Trustees be authorized to hire the premises by the month, from June 18th, at rate of same annual rental as is now being paid, until the title of the property is vested in the City.

Adopted, and to be reported to the Board.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 19.—To amend resolution, Jol. 1895, page 1845, and adopted Jol. 1896, page 40, so that the premises may be hired for one year, from February 1, 1896, instead of three years as authorized, for the reason that the present owners are not in a position to lease for a longer period than one year.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 6.—To fit up a class-room for a newly organized class.

The Superintendent reported that at the time this application was made the class occupied a portion of the assembly room, which had recently been supplied with new furniture, and was so placed that there was ample room and an aisle between each row of desks. The room in which they propose to put the children was a small class-room, which was used as a teacher's room, and also by the Principal for writing, etc., being the only available space in the entire building. Some of the Trustees, the Inspectors of the District and the Inspectors of this office, reported against it, but notwithstanding this, I am informed that Trustee Oliver, chairman of the Board, has ordered the furniture transferred from the assembly room to the class-room, where they are so crowded that four lines of desks have been placed so that four children sit in a row, without any aisle between the two center desks. The change should not have been made, and the class should be transferred back to the assembly room.

Denied, and a copy of the Superintendent's report to be transmitted to the City Superintendent of Schools.

18th Ward—G. S. No. 40.—To readjust the salary of the Janitor.

The Superintendent reported the salary previous to this application to be $1,352 per year.

New measurement including former Janitor's apartments and rent, $1,727 per annum.

Accepted.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—Pay bill of John Neal's Sons, $237.20, for care of apparatus, cleaning, etc., Nov. 19th to December 4th, 1895, both inclusive.

The Janitor of this school having absented himself from duty, and being subsequently removed from his position, John Neal's Sons were employed, with the approval of the Superintendent of School Buildings, as an emergency, to take care of the apparatus, etc.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board an appropriation for the payment of the bill, upon its approval by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

FLAGS.—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Superintendent notify all Janitors to call at his office for the American flags which are to be hereafter displayed on public school buildings, and that he take a receipt for the same.

Adopted.

RENT ALLOWANCE FOR JANITORS.—The CHAIRMAN reported, that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Committee on May 6th, to the effect that all future applications for readjustment of allowances made to Janitors for rent of premises outside of school buildings, be referred to the Chairman and Superintendent of School Buildings, with power, the following action had been taken:

9th Ward—G. S. No. 3.—To increase rent allowance. (Denied, as present allowance of $299 is sufficient to obtain apartments in the neighborhood.)

9th Ward—G. S. No. 41.—To increase rent allowance. (Denied, as apartments can be obtained in the neighborhood for from $24 to $25 per month, which is within the present allowance.)

9th Ward—P. S. No. 13.—To increase rent allowance. (Denied, as rent in the neighborhood can be obtained for $20 per month, which is within the allowance of $234.)

10th Ward—G. S. No. 7.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

10th Ward—G. S. No. 20.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

10th Ward—G. S. No. 42.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 15.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $260.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 36.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

11th Ward—P. S. No. 5—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $286.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4.—Rent allowance increased from $234 to $273.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 34.—Rent allowance increased from $234 to $299.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 56.—Rent allowance increased from $299 to $312.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 26.—Rent allowance increased from $260 to $325.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 87.—Rent allowance increased from $273 to $312.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman and Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 95.—For an appropriation for a skylight in the new room back of Principal's office; also to put windows in upper part of westerly wall, to secure light and ventilation.

The City Superintendent reported that the plan involves the division of one spacious room into two small ones, neither of which would be of sufficient size to properly accommodate a class.

Denied, and to be reported to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following named specifications:

8th Ward—G. S. No. 8.—Heating, etc.,	.	May 2, 1896.
9th Ward—G. S. No. 41, P. S. No. 24.—New furniture,	.	" 6, 1896.
11th Ward—P. S. No. 5.—Fitting up No. 624 Fifth street,	.	" 6, 1896.
" " P. S. No. 5.—New building,	.	" 8, 1896.
13th Ward—G. S. Nos. 4, 34, P. S. Nos. 10, 20, 40.—Repairs, etc.,	.	" 2, 1896.
" " P. S. Nos. 10, 20, 40.—Sanitary,	.	" 6, 1896.
15th Ward—G. S. No. 35.—Repairs, etc.	.	" 7, 1896.
" " G. S. Nos. 35, 47, P. S. No. 25.—Sanitary,	.	" 8, 1896.
" " G. S. Nos. 35, 47.—New Furniture,	.	" 8, 1896.
16th Ward—G. S. Nos. 11, 45, 55.—		
" " Sanitary,	.	" 8, 1896.
17th Ward—G S. No. 19, P. S. No. 26.—Sanitary,	.	" 8, 1896.
18th Ward—G. S. No. 50.—New furniture,		" 8, 1896.
19th Ward—G. S. No. 82.—Heating, etc.,		" 6, 1896.
20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 26, 33, 48.—Sanitary,	.	" 8, 1896.
" " G. S. No. 32.—Improving new lot and premises,	.	" 8, 1896.
" " G. S. No. 26.—New furniture,		" 8, 1896.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

7th Ward.—From Trustees requesting the Committee to reconsider its action in denying on March 30, 1896, their application to pay bills of Wm. T. Nealis, amounting to $232.18, incurred in 1895 (see minutes 1896, page 95); also in denying

on November 27, 1895 (minutes 1895, page 358), application to pay Wm. T. Nealis a bill amounting to $94.35.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the Committee adhere to its former decision, the Trustees not having consulted the Superintendent of School Buildings before incurring the expense as required by the by-law; having exhausted their Ward Incidental Expense Account, and this Committee having no funds at its disposal.

Adopted.

BY-LAWS.—The CHAIRMAN presented a list of proposed amendments to the By-laws to take the place of Sections Nos. 23 and 24 of the present by-laws, as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF SECTIONS NOS. 23 AND 24.

1. Every application for the erection of school buildings, for additions to school buildings, for making alterations in and repairs to school buildings; the leasing of buildings for school purposes and alterations of and repairs to the same; the fitting up of all buildings used for school purposes and the providing therefor of all necessary furniture, heating and ventilating apparatus and fixtures, shall be referred to, and when approved by the Board of Education, be under the supervision and charge of the Committee on Buildings.

2. Subject to the approval of the Board of Education, it shall establish rules and regulations for the control and government of the Janitors of the various school buildings.

3. It shall cause to be endorsed upon the certificate of qualification and nomination, or recommendation of dismissal, of Janitors, as presented by the Superintendent of School Buildings to the Board of Education, its approval or disapproval thereof.

4. It shall prepare and present to the Board of Education, on the first meeting of the Board in July of each year, a statement showing the amount of money that, in its judgment, will be required for Janitors' salaries, and for the care and maintenance of the school buildings, for the ensuing year.

5. It shall, subject to the approval of the Board, divide the city into not more than four sections, and appoint for each section, a Patrol Inspector of Buildings, who shall be by profession or trade an Architect, a Builder, Mason or Carpenter, of practical experience and in good standing.

6. It shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint Draughtsmen, Assistant Draughtsmen and Inspectors on work being done from the School, and Sanitary Bond Account; also for work being done on old school buildings, repairs, furniture, heating, etc., whose salaries shall be paid from the various appropriations on account of which the work is being performed.

7. It shall have the direct supervision and control of the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, and shall have power to prescribe the duties of all Inspectors, Draughtsmen, Assistant Draughtsmen and others, employed in the Building Bureau of the Board, and to make rules, regulations, and, with the approval of the Board, penalties for the enforcement of the same.

8. It shall investigate, without delay, all charges against In spectors, Draughtsmen, Assistant Draughtsmen, or others employed in the Building Bureau of the Board, and shall forthwith report their conclusions to the Board.

9. It may also, from time to time, designate certain buildings or parts thereof, under the control of the Board, to be used as storehouses for old furniture, radiators, pianos, etc., etc., which may no longer be required for use in a school building, and may appoint a Storekeeper for the same, if in a separate building, or designate the Janitor of the building, a part of which may be used for such storage, as Storekeeper. The compensation of such persons to be such as the Committee on Buildings, with the approval of the Board, may prescribe. Storekeepers thus appointed shall be held strictly accountable for the safe keeping of all articles committed to their care, and shall receive or deliver same, only on vouchers of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

10. It shall also have the care, control and direction of the Truckman, Truck and Horse or Horses, that may be owned by

the Board, for the removal of materials, either to or from said buildings.

12th Ward –G. S. No. 57—To use two lower rooms in the Annex.

The City Superintendant reported "that additional accommodations are much needed in this neighborhood and that, consequently, I would recommend that the application of the Trustees be granted."

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the proposed amendments be submitted to the Board, with a recommendation that they be referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws.

Adopted.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, authorizing the Committee on Buildings to refer, direct, to said Special Committee, any further amendments to the By-Laws which they may deem desirable to be made.

Adopted.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—The SUPERINTENDENT submitted plans for the front elevations of the new school to be erected, which were approved.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the front elevation be built of light brick.

Adopted.

22d Ward.—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of this Committee, taken May 6, 1896, in denying the following-named applications, be reconsidered:

G. S. No. 28.—Repair range in Janitor's apartments.

G. S. No. 28.—General repair glass, sash cord, furniture, blinds, etc.

Adopted.

The applications were then referred to the Chairman and Superintendent with power.

24th Ward.—Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board in favor of paying the following-named bills, incurred by the Trustees in the Twenty-fourth Ward in 1895, in making repairs to schools on the recently annexed district, from the appropriation of 1895, entitled "For Repairs to Buildings":

G. S. No. 98.—Geo. E. Stone, mason work, ordered Dec. 8, 1895,	$28 00
G. S. No. 101.—Holdredge & Clarey, painting, ordered Oct. 8, 1895,	32 00
G. S. No. 100.—James J. Lally, repairs, ordered Oct. 3, 1895,	83 60
G. S. No. 97.—James J. Lally, repairs, ordered Oct. 3, 1895,	99 63
Total,	$243 23

The following-named applications were denied:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—Packing boxes in which to pack school supplies. (Can be furnished from the Depository upon application.)

12th Ward—P. S. No. 3.—New stairways and new floors in halls. (Included in specifications for vacation work.)

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—New furniture in four front rooms, second story. (Included in specifications for new furniture to be put in during vacation.)

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 32—**12**th Ward—G. S. No. 10—Book-closets, shelving, wardrobes enlarged, partition built, etc. (emergency).	$171 00
App. No. 33—**12**th Ward—G. S. No. 24—4 low and 2 high chairs.	15 00
App. No. 34—**12**th Ward—G. S. No. 54—Change doors and jambs leading to boys' playground; spring.	66 00

App. No. 35—12th Ward—G. S. No. 72—Iron doors in basement leading to boiler room. . . . $45 00
App. No. 36—12th Ward—G. S. No. 93— Desks in main room for two classes, in main room, P. D. . 193 00
App. No. 37—12th Ward—G. S. No. 93—2 Ward-robes. 78 00
App. No. 38—12th Ward—G. S. No. 24—Carpet Principal's room. 37 80
App. No. 39—12th Ward—G. S. No. 72, P. D.—Carpet and lounge for teachers' room; 6 high chairs. 60 00
App. No. 40—12th Ward—G. S. No. 78—2 doz. high and 2 doz. low chairs; 15 umbrella racks. . . 114 00
App. No. 41—12th Ward—G. S. No. 83—Annex stoves. 195 00
App. No. 42—12th Ward—G. S. No. 89—Two book-closets for P. D. 35 00
App. No. 43—12th Ward—P. S. No. 28—Furnish teachers' room. 70 00
App. No. 44—12th Ward—P. S. No 32—Furnish N. E. class room. 127 00
App. No. 45—4th Ward—P. S. 12—Repair flagging. 95 00
App. No. 46—7th Ward—G. S. 2—Gas fitting P. D. 16 00
App. No. 47—10th Ward—G. S. 7—Repairs and additional work on both motors; also two new rheostats, ... 198 00
App. No. 48—12th Ward—G. S. 39—Repair ceiling main room P. D., ... 25 00
App. No. 49—12th Ward—G. S. 43—Repair urinals, 195 00
App. No. 50—12th Ward—G. S. 57—6 blackboards F. D., ... 64 60
App. No. 51—12th Ward—P. S. 28—Desk; Book-case; Biblestand, ... 80 00
App. No. 52—15th Ward—P. S. 25—Repair gutters; new galvanized iron leaders, ... 27 00
App. No. 53—16th Ward—G. S. 11—Repair roof (emergency), ... 75 00

App. No. 54—19th Ward—G. S. 18—Paint walls new room on ground floor; wardrobe closet; glass in panel of yard door; change furniture and reverse radiator pipes (emergency),	$57 60
App. No. 55—19th Ward—G. S. 96—Weatlier strips on all windows (emergency),	54 72
Appr. No. 56—22d Ward—G. S. 58—New traps; repair area; air pipes, repair, etc. (emergency),	50 00
App. No. 57—22d Ward—G. S. 84—Two syphon attachments and tanks (emergency),	198 00
App. No. 58—23d Ward—P. S. 33—Additional heating surface in playground	190 00
App. No. 59—24th Ward—G. S. 97—Clean vaults (emergency),	20 00
App. No. 60—24th Ward—G. S. 98—Clean vaults (emergency),	30 00
App. No. 61—24th Ward—P. S. 45—Clean vaults (emergency),	19 26
Total,	$2,601 98

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held May 18th, as printed, were approved.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—The consideration of the matter of licensing Bernard Byrne as Janitor, was laid over.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 39, M. D.—To repair the piano. Commissioner WEHRUM moved that an appropriation of $75 be made for the purpose from the fund "Pianos, and repairs of," and that the matter be reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 92.—To pay bill of F. A. Grüneberg, $16.50, for repairing piano located on the ground floor, and used for lecture purposes.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reports that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board April 1st (Jol., pp. 447, 448), he placed on duty, May 8th, Mr. Gustav A. Wallstab, draughtsman, at a rate of wages of $20 per week, to be paid from the Bond account.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on May 15th he appointed Mr. Jenkin Jones an Inspector of new buildings, at a rate of wages

of $4.50 per day for actual service, to be paid from the Bond account, and to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Chairman be approved, and that the matter be reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a bill of P. Sullivan, $192.50, for fitting up the top loft in No. 166 Elm street, recently hired for the use of his department.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Board be requested to appropriate the sum of $192.50 for the payment of the bill, the Superintendent having been authorized by this Committee to expend a sum not exceeding $200 for the purpose.

Adopted.

The following named applications were denied:

4th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—Cane settee; oilcloth for floor, room on first floor vacated by the Janitor to fit up for use of teachers of the Primary Department; also a room fitted up in a similar manner for use of teachers of the Female Department (not needed).

4th Ward—G. S. No. 1.—Clean and kalsomine the four rooms vacated by the Janitor, and fit up two of the same, temporarily, for classrooms, with second hand furniture. (Rooms are not large enough for classrooms; they can, however, be altered so as to give light and air to the playrooms, which are dark and not sufficiently ventilated.)

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14.—Clean and kalsomine the four rooms vacated by the Janitor, and fit up two of the same, temporarily, for classrooms, with second hand furniture. (Plans have been prepared for vacation repairs to this building which includes altering, etc., the Janitor's apartments.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 46.—Annex. To advertise for proposals for making necessary repairs. (Included in specifications for vacation repairs to G. S. No. 46 and Annex.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 57.—To use two rooms on lower floor of annex for school purposes. (Already granted.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 78.—A closet in the hall to store supplies during the summer. (There is a large wardrobe at the top of stone stairs, south side, which can be used for storing supplies; also a space at the head of main stairs which would form a closet if a door were furnished and put in place.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 89.—Rattan lounge for teachers' room in P. D. (Lounge already provided for in this room.)

19th Ward—G. S. No. 70.—16 Teachers' chairs and 6 Teachers' desks. (Not required.)

23d Ward—G. S. No. 62.—Electric bells in place of those now in the building. (Present bells have been examined and found to be in good order.)

23d Ward—G. S. No. 62.—New desk for General Assistant in the Grammar Department. (There is a good General Assistant's desk at present in use.)

23d Ward—G. S. No. 91.—To replace the pneumatic bells, which are in bad condition, by the electric system. (Bells have been examined and found to be in good working order.)

23d Ward—G. S. No. 91.—Blount's Air Checks for ten doors. (Will be included in specifications for vacation repairs.)

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—To fit up room No. 55 on top floor with furniture, for use of the Boys' Department.

City Superintendent to report.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—To divide a large room on the top floor into two rooms for use of Girls' Department, and fit up the same with old furniture.

City Superintendent to report.

20th Ward—G. S. No. 48.—From Trustees suggesting that the easterly and westerly wooden stairway be replaced with stone. (This work has already been provided for).

Janitors' Residence.—Reports were submitted by

the Board of Health, consenting to the janitors of the following-named schools residing on the school premises:

6th Ward.—Primary School No. 2.
10th Ward.—Primary School No. 1.
19th Ward.—Grammar School No. 53.
21st Ward.—Primary School No. 16.
22nd Ward.—Grammar School No. 84.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the janitors above referred to be permitted residing on the school premises.

Adopted.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following-named contracts:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 83.—ANNEX. Altering premises; Christopher Nally, contractor; dated December 16, 1895; extended to March 26, 1896.

19th Ward—Eighty-first Street and Avenue A.—Furniture Item No. 5; Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors; dated March 20, 1895; extended to March 26, 1896.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following-named specifications:

1st Ward—G. S. No. 29.—Fire alarm connections,	. . . . .	May 22, 1896.
12th Ward—G. S. No. 39, 43, 46, 52, 54, 57, 68, 72, 78, 83, 93, 95, and P. S. Nos. 3 and 28.—Repairs, etc.,		" 22, 1896.
" " G. S. No. 68 and P. S. No. 21.—Heating, etc.,	. . .	" 19, 1896.
13th Ward—G. S. No. 92 and P. S. No. 10.—Fire alarm connections,	. .	" 22, 1896.
14th Ward—G. S. No. 21 and P. S. Nos. 6 and 30.—Repairs, etc.,	. .	" 19, 1896.
16th Ward—G. S. Nos. 11, 45, 55 and 56.—Repairs, etc.,	. . .	" 22, 1896.

19th Ward—G. S. Nos. 6, 53, 59, 73, 74, P. S. No. 17.—Fire alarm connections, ... May 22, 1896.

22nd Ward—G. S. Nos. 51, 67, 80, 84, 94.—Fire alarm connections, . " 22, 1896.

24th Ward—P. S. No. 39—Bronxdale—New annex and improving premises, May 26th, 1896.

JANITORS' RESIDENCE.—In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Committee on May 6th, with reference to allowances made to janitors for rent, etc., and referring the matter to the Chairman and Superintendent with power, the Chairman reported the following action:

6th Ward—P. S. No. 8—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate. Rent allowance of $286.

Granted.

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate at once, as $325 allowed for rent is sufficient to obtain apartments in the neighborhood.

8th Ward—G. S. No. 8—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 78—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate. Rent allowance of $273 granted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 83—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate. Rent allowance $299 granted.

13th Ward—G. S. No. 4—Application to allow the janitor to remain on the premises denied, for the reason that rent allowance has been increased from $234 to $273, and apartments can be obtained for that amount.

15th Ward—P. S. No. 25—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $286.

15th Ward—G. S. No. 35—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate. Rent allowance of $299 granted, for which comfortable apartments can be obtained.

15th Ward—G. S. No. 47—Trustees directed to order the janitor to vacate. Rent allowance of $312 granted.

18th Ward—P. S. No. 4—Rent allowance increased from $234 to $286.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 28—Application to increase rent allowance from $286 to $384 was denied.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 51—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85—Application to allow janitor $350 for rent was denied, for the reason that comfortable apartments can be obtained on the allowance of $247.

23d Ward—P. D. No. 60—Application for rent allowance of $350 denied, for the reason that comfortable apartments can be obtained on the allowance of $221.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 72 and P. S. No. 21.—To advertise for proposals for fire escapes and alteration, in compliance with notice from the Building Department.

These applications have already been granted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37 and addition—To advertise for proposals for heating and ventilating.

Granted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37—To advertise for proposals for furnishing the new addition.

Granted.

14th Ward—G. S. No. 21—To advertise for proposals for new furniture for the Female Department.

Granted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96—To build a bookcase outside of the entrance to the Assembly Room Grammar Department for library books.

Denied, and application to be made to the Committee on Supplies.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 62—12th Ward—G. S. No. 10—Change and fit up wardrobes in both departments.	$124 00
App. No. 63—24th Ward—G. S. 66—Storm shed and enclosing rear door of janitor's house.	98 00
App. No. 64—11th Ward—G. S. No. 22—Repair brick wall east and north side of northeast wing (emergency).	158 00
App. No. 65—12th Ward—G. S. No. 24—Rearranging furniture, repairs, etc. (emergency).	137 41
App. No. 66—12th Ward—G. S. No. 89—Desks, etc., for one room on side of platform in P. D.	134 20
App. No. 67—12th Ward—P. S. No. 32—New bookcases.	45 00
(Shoring up cellar, additional closet, and general repairs, denied.)	
App. No. 68—12th Ward—G. S. No. 83—(annex) Fitting up (emergency).	78 91
App. No. 69—15th Ward—G. S. 47—Emergency plumbing.	46 91
App. No. 70—16th Ward—G. S. No. 45—Slate blackboards.	119 24
App. No. 71—17th Ward—G. S. No. 79—Repair plastering and paint same in toilet rooms.	40 00
App. No. 73—21st Ward—G. S. No. 49—Replace brick foundation wall on east side of east yard in Thirty-eighth street	115 00
	$1,096 67

12th Ward—G. S. No. 83 (Annex)—To pay Thomas D. Wiberly $15 for cleaning the annex.

Granted and to be reported to the Board.

23d Ward—One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach

avenue--Chas. H. Griffin, attorney for the owner of the premises, enclosing a bill for rent of premises from February 1, 1895, to May 13, 1896, at $75 per month.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, June 1st, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:--In regard to communication from the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward with reference to rent of premises, Beach avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, would respectfully report as follows:

Under the lease which expired February 1st, 1895, the rental was $500 per annum. The Trustees in applying for renewal, asked for $900, and it so passed the Committee on Buildings, April 10th, 1895 (Minutes p. 109). The report was drawn and presented to the Board, but on motion of the Chairman was recommitted.

The matter was again brought to the attention of the Committee at the next meeting (see Minutes, pp. 161-2), when it was ordered that a report be presented to the Board authorizing the Trustees to re-hire said premises for a term of five years from February 1st, 1895, or until such time as title to said property should pass to the city, at an annual rental of $600.

This report was adopted by the Board on June 1st, 1895 (See Jol. pp. 883 and 967). The authorization was made in this way in accordance with an agreement from the owner, attached to application from Trustees, stating that he would lease the premises on same conditions as in old lease, except an advance of $100 per year in rent for a further term of five years; otherwise the rent will be $75 per month.

It then appears that the owner refused to execute the lease as authorized by the Board, his position being fully set forth in a communication from his attorney, submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for opinion.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a number of rules regulating the duties of janitors, which were discussed at length, amended and approved, and the same ordered to be submitted to the Special Committee on By-Laws for their consideration.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96—For frames and openings under skylights in two rooms,—sashes, etc., at cost of $60—incurred in December, 1895.

Granted as an emergency from the Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Clerk of the Board notify the Board of School Trustees in the respective Wards, to forward to the Clerk of the Board, on or before June.30th, 1896, all bills incurred by them under the appropriation entitled "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools—Repairs." The aggregate of these bills not to exceed six-twelfths (6-12ths) of the appropriation made January 15th, 1896, Jol., pp. 93 and 94.

Adopted.

Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for the erection of the new school building at St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, appeared before the Committee with reference to the accuracy of borings made by the engineer employed by this Board.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for examination and report.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education met this day at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, and WEHRUM—4.

Commissioner PRENTISS was excused for non-attendance at this session.

The minutes of the meetings held June 1st and 8th as printed, were approved.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—Matter of licensing Bernard Byrne, was laid over.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—To fit up room 55, on top floor with furniture for use of Boys' Department; also to divide a large room on top floor into two rooms for use of Girls' Department, and fit up the same with old furniture.

Superintendent of School Buildings to consult with the City Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted the following:—

NEW YORK, *July* 15*th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings,
Board of Education.

GENTLEMEN:—There appears in the budget for 1896 a large number of appropriations for repairs to buildings, sanitary and heating work, where the amount is $200 or less. It has been the practice heretofore to prepare specifications for the work and allow the Trustees to obtain estimates thereon, then appropriating a sum of money necessary, the total amount being transferred from the respective accounts to the control of this

Committee, to be expended at their discretion in sums of $200 or less.

I have specifications for nearly all this work prepared and have held them as I did not deem it advisable to forward same to Trustees, since the work would be done after their terms of office had expired.

It has occurred to me that there is no reason why we should wait until the first of July before obtaining these estimates, and that we could send the specifications out immediately, to obtain bids from people in various parts of the city, so that the work can be given out promptly on July 1st.

In the case of the sanitary work I have prepared a list of some forty odd plumbers, doing business in various parts of the city, and my idea is to forward specifications for one school to three different parties, whose shops are within a reasonable distance, and thus not require a man from one of the lower wards to travel way up town and vice versa. The same will apply to the other accounts.

A form of slip to be sent with the specifications is presented herewith.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—To thoroughly scrub the building.

The Superintendent reported that this new building was opened about March 1, the school being transferred from the temporary building, reporting that the cost will be from $50 to $60.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman and Superintendent of School Buildings with power.

Adopted.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 51.—To advertise for proposals for making sanitary improvements.

Placed on file, authority having already been given.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 94.—To pay Morris Gumprecht, Janitor, for seven days' allowance for rent.

The Superintendent reported that the Janitor was ordered to remove from the building, and was granted a rent allowance of $273 per annum. He removed to quarters outside the school on May 25, and is, therefore, entitled to the amount of $4.90.

Granted as reported by the Superintendent.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—To increase salary of Janitor on account of new Annex.

The Superintendent reported that under the new measurement the Janitor is entitled to a salary of $1,222 per annum.

Accepted.

24th Ward—G. S. Nos. 100 and 101.—To advertise for proposals for repairs and alterations to heating and ventilating apparatus.

Placed on file, authority having already been given.

7th Ward—P. S. No. 36.—The Chairman submitted a communication from Mr. Stevenson Constable, Superintendent of Buildings, dated June 11, 1896, acknowledging receipt of letter of June 2, in which he states "the work on No. 74 Monroe street has been done in accordance with the order of the Court issued thereon."

Placed on file.

22d Ward—P. S. No. 41.—Board of Health, June 2, permitting Janitor to reside on the school premises.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 61.—Board of Health, June 2, permitting Janitor to reside on the school premises.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Janitors of P. S. No.

41 and G. S. No. 61 be permitted to reside on the school premises, the Board of Health having given their consent.

Adopted.

12th and **17**th Wards—G. S. Nos. 86, 79 and P. S. No. 22. —From the Board of Health, June 2, denying the application to allow the Janitors of these schools to reside on the school premises, for the reason that contagious or infectious diseases occurring in these families are liable to cause the closing of the schools.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Janitors of the schools named as above be notified to remove from the school premises.

Adopted.

From the Board of Health, consenting to the present Janitors of the following named schools, with their present families, residing on the school premises.

12th Ward—Grammar School No. 72.

19th Ward—Grammar Schools Nos. 6, 74, 76 and 96.

24th Ward—Primary School No. 38.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the present Janitors of the above named school buildings, with their present families, be authorized to reside on the school premises, the Board of Health having given their consent.

Adopted.

From the Board of Health denying the applications to permit the Janitors of the following named schools to reside on the school premises for the reason that cases of contagious or infectious diseases occurring in their respective families are liable at any time to cause the closing of the schools:

11th Ward—Grammar School No. 71.

12th Ward—Primary School No. 21.

19th Ward—Grammar Schools Nos. 73, 82 and Primary School No. 35.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Janitors of the schools named, as above, be notified to remove from the school premises.

Adopted.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 74.—16th Ward—G. S. No. 55.—Resetting 6 radiators . . .	$40 00
App. No. 75.—17th Ward—G. S. No. 25.—Repair urinal range . . .	128 00
App. No. 76.—17th Ward—P. S. No. 22.—Removing furniture from G. S. No. 25 and P. S. 26 to P. S. 22; repair desks, etc. (Emergency)	100 00
App. No. 77.—17th Ward—P. S. No. 22.—Building of platform in Trustees' Room (action denying this application on March 16 reconsidered). Emergency .	25 00
App. No. 78.—18th Ward—G. S. No. 40.—Emergency work, rack for lumber, screens for front windows of workshop	145 00
App. No. 79.—19th Ward—G. S. No. 6.—Additional gas fixtures, two gas stoves, etc., for F. D. . . .	46 00
App. No. 80.—19th Ward—G. S. No. 53.—5 Teachers' desks, 6 high and 6 low chairs	90 00
App. No. 81.—22d Ward—G. S. No. 51.—Repair sewer pipe in Janitor's apartments (Emergency) . .	26 00
App. No. 82.—23d Ward—G. S. No. 62.—150 foot rests	60 00
App. No. 83.—24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—Clean the vaults (April bill) . .	18 09
App. No. 84.—24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—Clean the vaults (May bill) . .	17 64
App. No. 85.—24th Ward—G. S. No. 65.—Clean the vaults (May bill) . .	20 70
Total	$716 34

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—To pay for repairing the piano in Female Department the sum of $10.

Granted from the piano fund, and to be reported to the Board.

The following named applications were denied:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 93.—Additional windows in N. E. classroom, top floor, rear wing, to secure proper ventilation (included in specifications for vacation repairs).

16th Ward—G. S. No. 11.—New blackboards, Venetian blinds, teachers' desks and cabinets (included in specifications for new furniture).

16th Ward—G. S. No. 45.—Roll top desk, 7 high chairs and 13 umbrella stands (included in specifications for new furniture).

19th Ward—G. S. No. 18.—Teachers' closet and desk for new room on ground floor (included in specifications for new furniture).

24th Ward—P. S. No. 38.—New slate blackboards (included in specifications for new furniture).

An extension of time was granted on the following-named contracts:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 43—Addition.—Furniture Item No. 4, Grand Rapids Seating Co., contractors, dated March 20, 1895; extended to May 15th, 1896.

18th Ward—P. S. No. 29.—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors, dated July 23, 1895, extended to December 24, 1895.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 17.—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors, dated July 23, 1895, extended to December 24, 1895.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85.—Manual Training Building, Robert L. Warke, contractor, dated July 15, 1895, extended to May 4, 1896.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following-named specifications:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 46, 54, 57, 78, 86, 93 and P. S. No. 3.—Sanitary work June 10th.

12th Ward, New Building—One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Madison avenue.—Furniture, etc., June 12th.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 30.—Heating, etc., June 5th.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13, 19, 25, 79—P. S. No. 26.—Repairs, etc., June 5th.

20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 26, 33 and 48.—Repairs, etc., June 12th.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 49 and P. S. No. 16.—Sanitary work, June 8th.

21st Ward—G. S. No. 14.—New furniture, June 12th.

22d Ward—G. S. Nos. 17, 51, 69, 80, 84 and 94.—Sanitary work, June 5th.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 61—Sanitary work, June 5th.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Committee May 6th, with reference to allowances made to janitors for rent, etc., the Chairman reported the following action:

4th Ward—P. S. No. 14, June 6th.—Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

11th Ward—G. S. No. 71, June 12th.—Trustees directed to order the Janitor to remove from the school building at once. Rent allowance of $299; granted. (Board of Health order.)

12th Ward—G. S. No. 10, June 8th.—Rent allowance increased from $247 to $260.

G. S. No. 54, June 8th.—Rent allowance increased from $286 to $325.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 93, June 8th.—Rent allowance increased from $234 to $260.

G. S. No. 86, June 8th.—Trustees directed to order Janitor to remove from the building at once. Rent allowance of $247; granted.

P. S. No. 21, June 12th.—Janitor removed by Board of Health. Rent allowance of $260; granted.

13th Ward—P. S. No. 40, June 2d.—Trustees directed to order the Janitor to remove from the school premises at once. Rent allowance of $312; granted.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 11, June 2d.—Trustees directed to order the Janitor to remove from the school premises at once. Rent allowance of $299; granted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 79, June 8th.—Trustees directed to order the Janitor to remove from the school premises at once. Rent allowance of $273; granted.

P. S. No. 22, June 8th.—Do. do. Rent allowance $325 granted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 59, June 12th. — Rent allowance increased from $221 to $299.

G. S. No. 73, June 12th.—Janitor removed by order of Board of Health. Rent allowance of $286; granted.

G. S. No. 82, June 12th.—Do. do. Rent allowance $234; granted.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 69, June 6th.—Rent allowance increased from $286 to $338.

G. S. No. 17, June 12th.—Rent allowance increased from $286 to $312.

G. S. No. 67, June 6th.—Trustees directed to order Janitor to vacate the school premises at once. Rent allowance of $299 granted.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 80, June 6th.—Trustees directed to order Janitor to vacate the school premises at once. Rent allowance of $299 granted.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 90, June 8th.—Trustees informed that the Janitor will be allowed to remain on the premises until house at One Hundred and Sixty-third street is purchased. His rent allowance of $221 was revoked.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had appointed as Inspectors, at $4.50 per day, for actual service, payable from the Bond account, the following named Inspectors, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee:

Charles K. Hyde on June 1st.
John Guy on June 11th.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved, and the matter be reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

10th Ward—G. S. No. 42.—Trustees appointing Mrs. Emma Meyer as Janitress of the school, taking effect on June 1, 1896, *vice* Henry C. Meyer, deceased.

The Superintendent reported that "there are in this school 2,226 pupils, and it would seem that something more than a technical knowledge of running the boilers was required"; also that the "Trustees appear to feel that it would be no more than right to allow Mrs. Meyer to remain in the school until the first of next October, inasmuch as it will be unnecessary to run the heating and ventilating apparatus in the meantime." "There is no rule or regulation against the appointment of a woman to this

position, but in my opinion it would not be wise to place one in charge of such a large school."

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the action of the Trustees in appointing Mrs. Meyer, taking effect on June 1st be approved, and that they be authorized to continue her in such position until September 1, 1896, provided she comply with the by-laws, regulating cleaning, etc.; also that the Trustees be notified that this Board does not approve of the appointment of a woman as Janitor of a Public School.

Adopted.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase 150 frames, at fifteen cents each for the purpose of framing the Boiler Inspection Certificates.

The CHAIRMAN presented the name of Mr. William C. Haskell, for the position of Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. Haskell appeared before the Committee.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board the appointment of Mr. Haskell, at an annual salary of $2,500, taking effect on July 1st, 1896.

Adopted.

Flags.—The Superintendent reported that to complete the contract made with M. Magee & Son, for supplying United States flags, he will require an additional appropriation of $471.40.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved the Board be requested to make the additional appropriation.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the matter of employing two additional Inspectors on Repairs be referred to the Chairman and Superintendent with power.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Committee on Supplies be requested to appoint a competent accountant for the Super-

intendent of School Buildings, his salary for the present year to be paid from the balance of the appropriation for salaries of Clerks to the Board of Trustees.

Adopted.

23d Ward, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach avenue.—To prepare plans for a new school building.

The City Superintendent recommended the erection of a school building to provide sixteen rooms, and the plans be prepared in such a manner as to permit of the enlargement of the building in the future.

Laid over.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held June 15th, as printed, were approved.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 9.—Matter of licensing Bernard Byrne as Janitor, was laid over.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 96.—Fit up room No. 55 top floor with furniture for use of Boys' Department; also to divide a large room on top floor into two class rooms for use of Girls' Department, and fit up same with old furniture.

(For report of Superintendent of School Buildings, see minutes, pp. 163 and 164.)

City Superintendent to report.

ORDER IN WHICH NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS SHOULD BE ERECTED.

In response to a communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings, addressed to the City Superintendent, the following report was presented:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

With reference to the order of erection of certain buildings I would recommend the following order:

1. 149th St. and Beach Avenue.
2. Annex, G. S. No. 34, Broome and Sheriff Streets.

3. Henry, Oliver and Catharine Streets.
4. St. Nicholas Ave., 126th and 127th Streets.
5. Forsyth, Rivington and Eldridge Streets.
6. 141st St. and Brook Avenue.
7. Annex, P. S. No. 33, Fox, Simpson and 167th Streets.
8. G. S. No. 25 (rear) 113 to 115 East Fourth Street.

With reference to the nature of the improvemeuts I would recommend the following:

2. The annex should be constructed so as to accommodate twelve classes.

4. The St. Nicholas Avenue school should be constructed so as to accommodate three departments with a total of 48 classes.

5. The proposed school is intended to take the place of Grammar School No. 20, in Christie Street, containing three departments. It should accommodate forty-eight classes.

6. The Brooke Avenue School should be a Primary large enough to accommodate twenty classes.

7. As I am informed the only work immediately needed on the ground purchased for Primary School No. 33 is the removal of the rock so as to be ready for future plans.

8. The dwelling houses on the property which has been acquired should be removed and the ground thus be prepared for future plans.

1. Recommendations have already been made for this building.

3. Recommendations have already been made for this building.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent.

Flags.—The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, June 29, 1869.

To the Committee on Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit herewith a statement showing the distribution of the flags purchased under the recent contract.

It was found when the flags were distributed on May 23d, that owing to the lapse of time (one year) since the statement or census of flags had been taken, actual wear and tear, and inaccuracies of the reports made by the Principals and Janitors, that the first supply of two hundred and three (203) flags was insufficient to properly equip the buildings, and a supplementary order for seventy-five was given on May 25th, 1896. These were distributed on June 6th, leaving some two or three schools partially unprovided for, viz.: G. S. No. 25 needing a Post Flag, (Janitor was ordered to call, but did not do so until too late); G. S. No. 43 needing a Post Flag, (Janitor not reporting until June 20).

An order has been given for the balance of the flags obtainable under the contract, *i. e.*, two storm flags and twenty-five Post Flags, and would respectfully recommend that upon their receipt they be turned over to the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. Snyder,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

FLAGS.

Flags ordered under contract:			
Storm	104		
Intermediate	14		
Post	85		203
Ordered May 25th:			
Storm	50		
Intermediate	7		
Post	18		75
			278
Distributed May 23d:			
Storm	104		
Intermediate	14		
Post	82	200	

Distributed June 6th:

Storm	26		
Intermediate	7		
Post	21	54	254
Balance of Storm Flags on hand . . .			24

Accepted.

Janitor's Residence.—The Superintendent submitted a full report with reference to Janitors who have been permitted to reside on the school premises.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that said report be submitted to the Board with a request that it be printed in full in the minutes.

Adopted.

Budget.—The Superintendent reported progress in the matter of preparing items for the Budget for 1897.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—Complaint of Department of Buildings of the City of New York, against the dangerous condition of the old building of Grammar School No. 37, now undergoing repairs.

Mr. Peter N. Phillips, the Contractor for repairs and alterations on the building, appeared before the Committee and the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, furnished Mr. Phillips with a copy of the complaint, and notified him to make the building safe; also warned him that if he did not protect the property the penalty under the contract would be enforced.

15th Ward—G. S. No. 35.—Complaint of Board of Health, with reference to sanitary condition of the school.

The Superintendent reported that "contract has been let for the erection of new water closets on the west side of the school, the present one having been discontinued on account of defective pipes, which allowed sewage to leak into adjoining cellars, which trouble could not be reached without the removal of the

entire closet. We have sent out specifications for repairs to the two closets complained of."

Placed on file, and Secretary of Board of Health to be notified of the contents of the Superintendent's report.

7th Ward—From Trustees 7th Ward to suspend the provisions of Section 67 of the By-Laws, and pay certain bills of William T. Nealis for plumbing work, etc., 1895, in the schools of the Ward.

The Superintendent reported that a similar application was denied by this Committee March 30th (Minutes, p. 95), for the reason that the expense was incurred without consultation with the Superintendent as required by the by-law.

Ordered, That the late Trustees of the Ward, and Mr. Wm. T. Nealis be invited to attend the meeting of Committee to be held July 13, 1896.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 68.—To advertise for proposals for repairs to roof. (Included in specifications for vacation work).

10th Ward—G. S. No. 42.—To pay Mrs. Emma Meyer $53.50 for services as acting janitrix, from May 15 to June 1, 1896.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Meyer (deceased), was paid on the pay roll $53.50 for May, 15/30th of the monthly salary. Mrs. Meyer is therefore entitled to the sum of $53.50 for services from May 16th to 31st, both inclusive.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 30.—To advertise for alterations in, and additions to heating and ventilating apparatus. (Already granted.)

17th Ward.—To suspend Section 66 of the By-laws as amended April 1, 1896, and pay the following-named bills from the Trustees Ward Incidental Fund, they not being cognizant of the fact that the by-law had been amended:

G. S. No. 13—Wm. H. Housner, Jr.—Repairs, May 16, 1896, $48.04.

G. S. No. 19—Wm. H. Housner, Jr.—Picture moulding, April 30, $27.00.

P. S. No. 22—Wm. H. Housner, Jr.—Bell work, May 16, $30.83.

G. S. No. 79—Geo. Margraf.—Shades, May 28, $77.00.

G. S. No. 25.—Henry A. Roth.—Plumbing, etc., May 19, $32.18.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board a suspension of Section 66 of the By-laws as amended April 1st, 1896, and payment of the bills named from the Incidental Expense account of the Seventeenth Ward.

Adopted.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 73.—To pay bill of P. K. Lantry for work done, there being no funds to the credit of the Ward to permit its payment.

Referred to Superintendent for report.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 69.—To put a window in each of three class rooms for better ventilation. (Included in specifications for vacation work.)

23d Ward—Formerly P. S. No. 44, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street and Beach Avenue.—Chas. H. Griffin, attorney for owners, submitting claim of executors for rent of the property in question from February 1st, 1895, to May 13, 1896, ($75) per month.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, under date of June 6, 1895, advising that "after a careful examination of this case and all papers which you have forwarded to me, that the claim of the owner for $1,157.50, should be paid." (The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation will be printed in minutes of the Board of Education, July 1, 1896.)

Commissioner PRENTISS moved to recommend to the Board an appropriation of the following-named sums for the appropriations for rent, etc., made for 1895 and 1896 in payment of the bill, a reduction of $1.05 having been made on the calculation :

Account of 1895 . .	$825.00.
Account of 1896 . .	331.45.
	$1,156.45.

Adopted.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 98.—To advertise for proposals for supplying fire escapes.

The Superintendent reported that the fire escapes were ordered by the Department of Buildings.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

16th Ward—G. S. No. 55.—From the Janitor, to be granted a leave of absence, with pay, on account of ill health, from the closing of school to August 10, 1896.

Granted, provided Mr. G. E. Woolfe, the Janitor, employ a competent person to take charge of the building and premises during such absence, at his own expense.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—From late Chairman of the Board of Trustees, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, referring all matters with reference to sanitary work, etc., to the Committee and the Board of Education for such attention and action thereon as they deem necessary or expedient.

Placed on file.

Janitor's Residence.—Board of Health, *consenting* to Janitors and their present families residing on the school premises.

14th Ward—Grammar School No. 21.
22d Ward—Grammar School No. 58.
24th Ward—Primary School No. 18.

Janitor's Residences.—From the Board of Health, *denying* applications to permit Janitors and their families of the following named school buildings to reside on the school premises, for the reason that cases of contagious or infectious diseases

occurring in their respective families, are liable at any time to cause the closing of the school.

12th Ward—Grammar School No. 5.
13th Ward—Primary School No. 40.
14th Ward—Primary School No. 6.
23d Ward—Grammar School No. 91.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Janitors of the schools named be notified to remove their families from the school premises.

Adopted.

Vacation Work.—Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, authorizing the Committee, during the Summer Vacation, to advertise in the *City Record*, for ten days, for any work that may require attention; also to make repairs, alterations, etc., to school buildings and premises; also to heating and ventilating apparatus; also for new furniture and repairs of.

Adopted.

12th Ward—G. S. No.95.—Mr. Wm. B. Friedberg, Principal, appeared before the committee and made explanation as to why he gave the order to the janitor to raise the "United States Flag" on the school house at 8:56 o'clock A. M. instead of 8:30 A. M., as directed by this committee.

He also asked permission to have said flag raised on his school house before 9 o'clock A. M. and after 8:30 A. M.

Laid over for consideration in September.

The Superintendent submitted the following named bills for surveys, boring, etc., ordered by him:

24th Ward—Theo. Cooper, June 11, 1896, examining grounds and making borings, 173d street and Fulton avenue, ... $207 50
8th Ward—Francis W. Ford, June 10, 1896, building survey rear of 197–205 W. Houston street, . . 25 00
10th Ward—Francis W. Ford, June 19, 1896, building

survey, Rivington street, between Eldredge and Forsythe streets, ...	55 00
11th Ward, Francis W. Ford, June 20, 1896, building survey No. 732 Fifth street, ...	15 00
17th Ward, Francis W. Ford, June 20, 1896, building survey Nos. 113–115 E. Fourth street, . .	25 00
Total	$327 50

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that said bills be paid from the Bond account.

The Superintendent submitted a bill of Empire Desk Co., for two desks and two chairs supplied his office, June 23, amount $58.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board paying said bill from the furniture fund.

12th Ward, Arthur Hall—With reference to paying rental. Laid over.

INSPECTORS' MEETING ROOMS

The Chairman of the Committee on Buildings reports that on May 20th, 1896, the Board of Education referred the matter of providing proper places for the meetings of the several Boards of School Inspectors, to this Committee. In accordance therewith, provision has been made in each District, as per schedule attached, and notice sent to the School Inspectors on June 26, 1896.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS' ROOMS.

Trustees' rooms are now ready for use in the following schools.

District	I.	G. S. No. 29
"	II.	G. S. No. 75
"	III.	G. S. No. 23
"	VI.	G. S. No. 92
"	VII.	P. S. No. 22
"	VIII.	G. S. No. 71
"	IX.	G. S. No. 47
"	XI.	G. S. No. 3
"	XII.	G. S. No. 50
"	XIII.	G. S. No. 56
"	XIV.	P. S. No. 16
"	XV.	G. S. No. 26
"	XXI.	G. S. No. 58
"	XXIV.	G. S. No. 6
"	XXIX.	G. S. No. 43
"	XXXIII.	G. S. No. 90
"	XXXIV.	G. S. No. 64
Total		17.

In the following schools there are no rooms ready for meeting places at present, but such will be provided for in the course of vacation repairs.

District	IV.	P. S. No. 20
"	V.	G. S. No. 20
"	X.	G. S. No. 19
"	XVI.	G. S. No. 27
"	XVII.	G. S. No. 28
"	XVIII.	G. S. No. 18
"	XIX.	G. S. No. 51
"	XX.	G. S. No 74
"	XXII.	G. S. No. 70
"	XXIII.	G. S. No. 9
"	XXV.	G. S. No. 54
"	XXVI.	P. S. No. 42
"	XXVII.	G. S. No. 10
"	XXVIII.	G. S. No. 86
"	XXX.	G. S. No. 57
"	XXXI.	G. S. No. 39
"	XXXII.	G. S. No. 85
"	XXXV.	G. S. No. 101
Total		18.

Accepted.

On motion of Commissioner ADAMS, an extension of time was granted for the completion of the following-named contracts:

12th Ward—G. S. Nos. 39, 72; P. S. Nos. 9, 21, 28, 42—Heating closets, etc.—Daniel Cary, contractor; dated January 28, 1896; extended to June 12, 1896.

19th Ward—New school, Eighty-first street and Avenue A—Furniture, Item No. 1—Andrews Mfg. Co., contractors; dated April 1, 1895; extended to April 20, 1896.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 85.—Heating closets, etc.; Daniel Cary, contractor; dated January 28, 1896; extended to May 27, 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 64.—Fire escapes, etc.—J. W. Jones, contractor; dated April 22, 1896; extended to August 1, 1896.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 63.—Erecting temporary building;

Thomas P. McQuade, contractor; dated March 3, 1896; extended to June 11, 1896.

Janitor's Residence.—The CHAIRMAN reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Committee on May 6th, with reference to allowances made to Janitors for rent, etc., etc., he had taken the following action:

12th Ward—G. S. No. 5.—Janitor ordered to remove by the Board of Health. Rent allowance of $299 per year granted June 15th.

13th Ward—P. S. No. 40.—Janitor ordered to remove by Board of Health. Rent allowance of $312 per year granted June 18th.

14th Ward—G. S. No. 21.—Janitor allowed to remain in the building by consent of the Board of Health. Rent allowance of $221 revoked June 27th.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 6.—Janitor ordered to remove by Board of Health. Rent allowance of $221 granted.

19th Ward—P. S. No. 35.—Janitor ordered to remove by the Board of Health. Rent allowance of $312 granted June 15th.

22d Ward—G. S. No. 58.—Janitor allowed to remain in the building by the consent of the Board of Health. Rent allowance of $299 revoked.

23d Ward—G. S. No. 91.—Janitor ordered to remove from the premises by the Board of Health. Rent allowance of $234 granted June 29th.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following named specifications:

10th Ward—G. S. No. 7.—Alterations, repairs, etc.; June 29th.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—Heating, etc., annex and main building; June 15th.

12th Ward—P. S. No. 21.—Repairs, etc., and iron stairs; June 25th.

15th Ward—P. S. No. 25.—Repairs, alterations, etc.; June 25th.

16th Ward—G. S. Nos. 11 and 45.—New furniture; June 15th.

18th Ward—G. S. Nos. 40, 50; P. S. Nos. 4, 29.—Repairs, etc.; June 17th.

20th Ward—P. S. No. 27.—New wing and improving premises; June 18th.

21st Ward—G. S. Nos. 14 and 49.—Repairs, alterations, etc.; June 16th.

22d Ward—G. S. Nos. 17, 28, 51, 69, 84, 94; P. S. No. 41.—Repairs, etc.; June 22d.

23d Ward—G. S. Nos. 60, 61, 62, 90, 91; P. D. No. 60.—Repairs, etc.; June 29th.

23d Ward—To fit up No. 599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street; June 29th.

Pianos.—Specifications for five pianos; June 29th.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

12th Ward.—G. S. No. 37—Notice of survey and Summons of the Department of Buildings to be held on July 3, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M. upon the premises.

On motion of Commissioner WEHRUM the Superintendent of School Buildings was directed to represent the Board of Education upon said survey.

Mr. Wm. McMannis, Engineer Assistant to the Superintendent of School Buildings, was granted a leave of absence from duty on July 6th.

The Committee opened proposals for repairs, etc., advertised for by the late several Boards of School Trustees, the Committee having been authorized so to do, by resolution of the Board of Education, adopted June 3, 1896 (Jol. pp. 758 and 787).

12th Ward. REPAIRS G. S. Nos. 39, 43, 46, 52, 54, 57, 68, 72, 78, 83, 89, 93, 95; P. S. Nos. 3 and 28. Ten bidders.

12th Ward.—G. S. No. 37 and Annex. HEATING AND VENTILATING.—Four bidders.

12th Ward.—NEW SCHOOL, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE. Furniture.—Seven bidders.

12th Ward.—SANITARY WORK. G. S. Nos. 46, 54, 57, 78, 86, 93, and P. S. No. 3.—Six bidders.

21st Ward.—SANITARY WORK. G. S. No. 49 and P. S. No. 16.—Six bidders.

The consideration of these awards was laid over for consideration at a meeting to be held July 2, 1896.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at 3 P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

The Committee proceed to make award of contracts, proposals for which were opened July 1st, viz.:

Number of Bidders.	Number of Contracts.	Total Amount of Awards.
29	31	$90,340.51

(The original awards are on file in the Clerk's office.)

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners WEHRUM and HURLBUT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent recommending the transfer of H. R. Halsey, Draughtsman, from the Sanitary Division, to that of Bond Account, at a salary of ten dollars ($10) per week, the same amount as he now receives; also to be authorized to employ another Draughtsman in the Sanitary Division, to replace Mr. Halsey, salary not to exceed ten dollars ($10) per week.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board for approval.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent:

NEW YORK, *July* 6, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Mr. Peter N. Phillips, Contractor, has been refused the privilege of borrowing plans and specifications for new buildings from the Estimating Room, under the rule made by the Committee on Buildings some three years ago, for the reason that he has violated the same by failure to return plans, etc., within the time limit.

I transmit herewith a communication received from Mr. Phillips in regard to the matter, in which he says that the delay originated through a mistake in the *City Record*, which stated that the estimates for the Fourth street school were to be in at 3 o'clock, while he afterward learned that the box was to be closed at 10 o'clock on the same day. I believe Mr. Phillips to be mistaken in this, and I submit herewith copies of the *City*

Record of various dates, containing the advertisement in question, all of them stating that "sealed proposals were to be received until 10 A. M. Monday, June 11th."

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Referred to the Chairman and Superintendent with power.

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 86, 15th Ward—G. S. No. 47.—Pay for repairs to fence wall (emergency) $25.

19th Ward—G. S. No. 73.—To pay a bill of P. K. Lantry for repairs made during July and August, 1895, amounting to $88.81.

The Superintendent recommended that the bill be paid at $87 from Buildings Contingent Fund of 1895.

Adopted.

23d Ward—P. S. No. 43, No. 599 E. 140th St.—To pay Edward A. Van Orden, for services as watchman and temporary janitor, from April 15th, 1896, at the rate of $40 per month.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Van Orden has been in charge of the premises since April 15th, but has not as yet been licensed. The minimum salary is $533, while Mr. Van Orden was appointed at $40 per month; recommending that he be paid $20 for April, $40 for May, and $40 for June.

Granted, as recommended by the Superintendent and to be reported to the Board.

23d Ward—G. S. Nos. 61 and 62.—To pay two bills of Jules F. Valois for repairing pianos, amounting in the aggregate to $14.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following-named specifications:

19th Ward—G. S. Nos. 18, 27, 59, 70, 73, 77, 82, P. S. No. 35.—Furniture, June 30.

22d Ward—G. S. Nos. 80, 84, 87, 94.—Furniture, June 30.

24th Ward—G. S. Nos. 100 and 101.—Heating, etc., June 30.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon them by the Board, June 3d, 1896 (Jol., pp. 758 and 787), opened the proposals for contract work:

24th Ward—G. S. No. 102—City Island.—New school building—nine bidders.

14th Ward—P. S. No. 30.—Heating and ventilating—four bidders.

16th Ward—G. S. Nos. 11 and 45.—Furniture—four bidders.

18th Ward—G. S. Nos. 40, 50, P. S. Nos. 4, 29.—Repairs, etc.—six bidders.

20th Ward—G. S. Nos. 26, 33, 48.—Repairs, etc.—four bidders.

21st Ward—G. S. Nos. 14, 49.—Repairs, etc.—four bidders.
G. S. No. 14.—Furniture—two bidders.

20th Ward—P. S No. 27.—Erect wing and improve the premises—two bidders.

The consideration of these proposals was laid over to meeting to be held on July 7th.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM.

A communication was received from the Superintendent stating that, on June 15th, he reported that there appeared in the Budget for 1896, a large number of repairs to buildings, sanitary and heating work, where the amount was $200 or less. He was authorized to send out specifications to various contractors throughout the city to obtain estimates thereon, and had so far succeeded that he was enabled to state that the expenditure for heating, etc., will be $17,608.26; sanitary, etc., $12,280.40; repairs, etc., $2,779.50; and requesting that the Board of Education transfer these amounts from the several funds, to be expended by the Committee on Buildings.

Accepted.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—In the matter of unsafe condition of the building, the Superintendent was instructed to confer with the contractor and report on July 8th.

The Committee proceeded to make award of contracts, proposals for which were opened July 6, 1896, viz.:

NUMBER OF BIDDERS.	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS.
32	14	$102,462.

The Committee then proceeded to open proposals for contract work, advertised to be opened this date, and made awards of the same, viz.:

NUMBER OF BIDDERS.	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS.
27	29	$57,776.46.

(The original awards are on file in the Clerk's office.)

Pianos.—One proposal for five new pianos, Hardman, Peck & Co., was rejected, there being but one bid.

18th Ward—P. S. No. 4.—The proposal of Kyritz & Valentine, lowest bidder for repairs, etc., at Primary School No. 4, was rejected for the reason that work heretofore done by said firm was very unsatisfactory.

19th Ward—Robert Macbeth stated to the Committee that to-day, in filing his proposal for work on the schools of the 19th Ward, he had failed to inclose a certified check, for the reason that he was unable to collect $1,400 filed with proposals submitted by him on July 6th, in time to make use of a portion of it for this purpose.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that this Committee, under the circumstances, waive the requirement of certified checks, so far as the rights of other bidders are not interfered with, provided the contractor produce a check for sufficient amount to cover bids as soon as his checks are received by him from his former bids, which are now in possession of the Committee, but this action is not to be considered as a precedent.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—4.

All proposals received for repair work on the following named schools were rejected, the prices named being deemed excessive:

19th Ward—G. S. Nos. 70, 77, 82; P. S. No. 17.—Two bidders.

SUMMARY UP TO DATE.

Number of Bidders.	Number of Contracts.	Total Amount of Awards.
88	74	$250,578.97

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners WEHRUM, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and the PRESIDENT.

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Commissioner WEHRUM acted as Chairman, *pro tem.*

Proposals for supplying new furniture and repairs of, for Grammar School No. 47, were opened by the Committee, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board, June 3d, 1896 (Jol. pp. 758, 787), and the contract was awarded to the Richmond School Furniture Co., for the sum of $1,396, they being the lowest bidders.

7th Ward.—Ex-Trustees Mulry and Hubbard, of the Seventh Ward, appeared before the Committee and made statement that they did not authorize William T. Nealis to do the plumbing, etc., work in the schools of the Seventh Ward during 1895, the bills for which the Committee refused to approve, but that Trustee Horgan had ordered the same.

Ordered, That the Ex-Trustees of the Seventh Ward be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held July 20th, at 3 P. M., and that Dr. Horgan be specially invited to be present.

The Committee directed that an advertisement be inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for the following described work:

Erecting a new school building at Ninty-first street and First avenue. Altering and fitting up premises of Primary School No. 43.

The matter of licensing Bernard Byrne, for Janitor of Grammar School No. 9, was laid over.

Application from the late Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward to fit up room No. 55 on top floor of G. S. No. 96 with furniture for use of Boys' Dept.; also to divide a large room on top floor into two classrooms for use of the Girl's Dept., and fit up same with old furniture.

Laid over for report from the City Superintendent.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 88—	**10**th Ward, G. S. No. 20—Black boards in Female and Primary Depts., . . .	$121 39
App. No. 87—	**12**th Ward, G. S. No. 83—Annex, Additional Gas Fixtures, ...	65 00
App. No. 89—	**12**th Ward, P. S. No. 28—Remove rubbish at rear of basement windows and place an iron pan to receive rainwater, etc., . . .	25 00
App. No. 90—	**19**th Ward, G. S. No. 76—Keyboard with push buttons, ...	58 00
App. No. 91—	**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 28—Pay bill for grate bars, . .	12 20
App. No. 92—	**22**d Ward, G. S. No. 28—Pay bill of W. H. Luyster for general repairs, . . .	38 57
App. No. 93—	**24**th Ward, G. S. No. 63—Pay for cleaning vaults (June), ...	17 46
App. No. 94—	**24**th Ward, P. S. No. 45—Pay for cleaning vaults (June), ...	16 47
	Total, ...	$354 09

A communication was received from the Superintendent recommending the purchase from the National Meter Co., a crown meter to be set up in P. S. No. 14 at cost of $56.

Granted.

17th Ward—G. S. No. 13—Pay Janitor for rent of premises from July 1st to December 31, 1895.

Laid over for receipt of bills.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had appointed the following-named Inspectors:

E. J. Youdale, Inspector on Repairs; Wm. H. McCord, Inspector on New Buildings, at $4.50 each per day for actual service, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on July 7, 1896, he sent the following communication in the matter of fire escapes to be erected during 1897, to the Department of Buildings:

"STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Esq.,

"*Superintendent of Buildings.*

"DEAR SIR: The Board of Estimate and Apportionment having notified the Board of Education in conjunction with all other branches of the City Government, that the annual estimates for the year 1897 must be presented by September 7th, the Board has referred to the Committee on Buildings, the preparation of the estimates for repairs, alterations and improvements to old school buildings. Being desirous of making the estimates full and complete in every particular, and noting the fact that a very large item of expenditure for the year 1896 was for fire escapes ordered by the Department of Buildings, I would ask that you inform us not later than August, of the number and location of the fire escapes which will be required on school buildings during the year 1897, so that an estimate of the cost may be made and the item included in the budget.

The cost heretofore has been met by transfers and the neglect-

ing of necessary repairs to the buildings, neither of which plans can be followed in the future. It will, therefore, be necessary to include the item in the budget, as is proposed, or carry each individual case before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment during the year 1897, and ask them to provide the funds therefor.

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) JOSEPH J. LITTLE,

Chairman, Committee on Buildings."

And in answer to the above received the following letter:

NEW YORK, July 11th, 1896.

JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Esq.,

Chairman Committee on Buildings, Board of Education,

146 Grand street, City.

DEAR SIR: In answer to yours of July 7th, 1896, you can count on me to give you any information in my power in connection with your estimate for the Board of Apportionment, as stated in your letter. This department, as you know, is very shorthanded, and, as stated to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, has not the means or the men to do the work as it should be done, and therefore has to do the best it can, but you can rely on my aiding you in any way possible.

Yours respectfully,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,

Superintendent of Buildings.

Placed on file.

The following named appropriations were made from the fund entitled "Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, Changes and Repairs of," the Superintendent having solicited proposals for doing the work in each case, and the amounts named being from the lowest bidders:

G. S. No. 2, . .	$162 00	G. S. No. 12, . .	$125 00
G. S. No. 4, . .	178 00	G. S. No. 15, . .	125 00
G. S. No. 5, . .	65 00	G. S. No. 17, . .	198 50
G. S. No. 10, . .	30 00	G. S. No. 24, . .	54 00

G. S. No. 25,	$198 00	G. S. No. 84,	$153 00
G. S. No. 27,	189 00	G. S. No. 85,	125 00
G. S. No. 28,	193 00	G. S. No. 85 Annex,	19 00
G. S. No. 34,	140 00	G. S. No. 86,	104 00
G. S. No. 35,	160 00	G. S. No. 87,	193 00
G. S. No. 36,	190 00	G. S. No. 88,	145 00
G. S. No. 38,	187 00	G. S. No. 89,	125 00
G. S. No. 39,	199 00	G. S. No. 92,	149 00
G. S. No. 39 Branch,	48 00	G. S. No. 93,	160 00
G. S. No. 40,	193 00	G. S. No. 95,	95 00
G. S. No. 43,	125 00	G. S. No. 96,	195 00
G. S. No. 46,	192 00	G. S. No. 97 Annex,	311 00
G. S. No. 46 Branch,	90 00	P. S. No. 3,	95 00
G. S. No. 48,	196 00	P. S. No. 4,	139 00
G. S. No. 50,	189 00	P. S. No. 7,	182 00
G. S. No. 51,	199 00	P. S. No. 9,	88 00
G. S. No. 52,	92 00	P. S. No. 10,	30 00
G. S. No. 54,	175 00	P. S. No. 16,	146 00
G. S. No. 55,	205 00	P. S. No. 17,	113 00
G. S. No. 56,	180 00	P. S. No. 18,	18 00
G. S. No. 57,	177 00	P. S. No. 19,	133 00
G. S. No. 58,	176 50	P. S. No. 20,	143 00
G. S. No. 59,	170 50	P. S. No. 22,	185 00
P. D. No. 60,	180 00	P. S. No. 23,	120 00
G. S. No. 65,	120 60	P. S. No. 26,	70 00
G. S. No. 67,	167 00	P. S. No. 28,	35 00
G. S. No. 69,	135 00	P. S. No. 29,	40 00
G. S. No. 70,	180 00	P. S. No. 31,	45 00
G. S. No. 71,	125 00	P. S. No. 32,	48 00
G. S. No. 72,	179 50	P. S. No. 35,	134 00
G. S. No. 73,	195 00	P. S. No. 36,	75 00
G. S. No. 74,	170 00	P. S. No. 37,	45 00
G. S. No. 76,	153 00	P. S. No. 44,	67 00
G. S. No. 78,	178 00	P. S. No. 45,	19 00
G. S. No. 79,	130 00	P. S. No. 47,	22 00
G. S. No. 80,	54 00		
G. S. No. 83,	156 00	Total,	$10,690 10

The following-named appropriations were made from the fund entitled, "Sanitary work, changes and repairs of," the Superintendent having solicited proposals for doing the work in each case, and the amounts named being from the lowest bidders: —

G. S. No. 7,	$240 00	G. S. No. 60,	$135 00
G. S. No. 13,	250 00	G. S. No. 60, P. D.,	220 25
G. S. No. 15,	290 00	G. S. No. 62,	216 00
G. S. No. 16,	200 00	G. S. No. 68,	194 00
G. S. No. 20,	225 00	G. S. No. 85,	95 00
G. S. No. 21,	195 00	G. S. No. 87,	95 00
G. S. No. 22,	213 00	G. S. No. 88,	250 00
G. S. No. 29,	117 50	G. S. No. 89,	194 00
G. S. No. 31,	115 00	P. S. No. 9,	93 00
G. S. No. 36,	235 00	P. S. No. 11,	162 00
G. S. No. 37,	95 00	P. S. No. 13,	67 00
G. S. No. 39,	197 50	P. S. No. 17,	225 00
G. S. No. 40,	195 00	P. S. No. 23,	190 00
G. S. No. 42,	150 00	P. S. No. 31,	149 00
G. S. No. 43,	196 00	P. S. No. 32,	185 00
G. S. No. 44,	195 00	P. S. No. 36,	65 00
G. S. No. 50,	185 00	P. S. No. 41,	75 00
G. S. No. 52,	198 00		
G. S. No. 56,	160 00	Total,	$6,457 25
G. S. No. 58,	195 00		

The following-named appropriations were made from the fund entitled, "Repairs to Buildings," the Superintendent having solicited proposals for doing the work in each case, and the amounts named being from the lowest bidders:

G. S. No. 6,	$47 00	P. S. No. 33,	$150 00
G. S. No. 67,	69 50	P. S. No. 34,	73 00
G. S. No. 80,	200 00	P. S. No. 44,	75 00
G. S. No. 92,	125 00		
G. S. No. 102,	155 00		$1,044 50
P. S. No. 24,	150 00		

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JULY 20th, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, WEHRUM and the PRESIDENT.

The minutes of the meeting held July 13th were corrected as follows:

Page 197. E. J. Youdale to be appointed an Inspector of new buildings, in place of repairs.

Page 199. Bottom of the page the total to read, $10,690.60.

The minutes of the meetings held June 29th, July 1st, 2d, 6th, 7th, 8th and 13th, as printed and amended, were approved.

The matter of licensing Bernard Byrne for Janitor of Grammar School No. 9, was laid over.

From the Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward, to fit up room No. 55, top floor of G. S. No. 96 with furniture for use of boys' department; also, to divide a large room on top floor into two class rooms for use of girls' department, and fit up same with old furniture. Laid over for report from City Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report in the matter of Mr. Peter N. Phillips' refusal to comply with the decision of the Board of Survey, in the matter of the unsafe condition of Grammar School No. 37 in East Eighty-seventh street; also, letter from Mr. Phillips' counsel, Messrs. Truax & Crandall, stating:

"He is willing to proceed with the work and carry out the directions of the Superintendent of Buildings and recommendations of the Board of Survey, not included in the plans and specifications, upon proper authorization and agreement to pay

"for the extra work; at the same time distinctly disclaiming any "responsibility for anything that may happen in the future, by "reason of the condition of the present building."

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Committee decline to enter into such an agreement, and refer the matter to the Counsel to the Corporation with a request that he protect the interests of the City in this, as well as in all matters pertaining to this contract.

Adopted.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 95. 10th Ward—G. S. No. 20. 1 Teacher's desk; 4 High and 9 Low chairs .	$ 44 50
App. No. 96. 12th Ward—G. S. No. 72. Carpet; 4 Book Closets, etc.	75 00
App. No. 97. 19th Ward—G. S. No. 6. Book Cases	178 25
App. 98. 19th Ward—G. S. No. 76. Furnish Room No. 24.	183 00
	$480 75

15th Ward—G. S. No. 47—To pay bill for cleaning building, $95; required on account of several cases diphtheria having occurred in the school.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

24th Ward—G. S. No. 97—Annex—To pay $16 for cleaning building and kalsomining walls.—Isaac Braithwaite, Sept. 1895.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

From Mrs. M. E. McCloskey, Principal P. D. G. S. No. 17, relative to watering trough for horses near the school.

Laid over.

The CHAIRMAN reported the assignment to duty of the following named Inspectors on new buildings:

Joseph Coar, Grammar School No. 32.

Peter J. Treacy, Grammar School No. 16.

E. J. Youdale, One Hundred and Nineteenth Street and Madison Avenue.

Approved.

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contract was granted:

19th Ward—G. S. Nos. 6, 27 and 82—Heating closets, Daniel Cary, contractor; dated January 28th, 1896; extended to June 16th, 1896.

City Island.—James O'Toole declining to execute his contract for erecting a new school building.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. O'Toole as follows:

NEW YORK, *July* 16th, 1896.

MR. JAMES O'TOOLE,

No. 348 East Eighty-fourth Street.

DEAR SIR: Yours under date of the 11th inst. asking that you be relieved from the fulfillment of the contract for the erection of a new school at City Island, this City, was received and considered by the Committee on Buildings at its meeting Monday last.

It appears from the records that sealed proposals were advertised for in the *City Record* dated June 22d, 1896, to be received until three o'clock P. M., on Monday, July 6th, 1896, for erecting a new school building at City Island.

The proposals, nine in number, were opened in the presence of the bidders at the time mentioned and laid over until the following day, when the contract was awarded to James O'Toole for $59,000, he being the lowest bidder. The award was approved by the Finance Committee, and the Board of Education on July 8th adopted a resolution asking the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of $59,000 to be applied to the payment of the contract to be entered into between the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education and

James O'Toole, for the erection of a school building at City Island, etc., which resolution will probably be acted on by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the session to-day.

There being no protest of any kind against the award, the certified checks accompanying the bids of the unsuccessful bidders were all returned to them, and only that of James O'Toole the lowest bidder being held. The Committee is therefore of the opinion that it would be against the interest of the School System and of the City to release Mr. O'Toole from his contract, and therefore decline so to do.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH J. LITTLE,

Chairman, Committee on Buildings.

Ordered, That said communciation be printed in full in the minutes.

12th Ward—G. S. No. 37—The Superintendent reported that contractor Peter N. Phillips was not proceeding with his contract in a prompt and diligent manner. Commissioner WEHRUM moved that if Mr. Peter N. Phillips does not proceed properly in the matter of carrying out his contract, the Superintendent of School Buildings is hereby instructed to give him the usual three days' notice as provided for in the contract and report the same to this Committee.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board appropriating $52 in addition to the $100 appropriated July 8th (Journal, page 993) from the funds "Furniture and Repairs of" for supplying additional furniture for the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the award of contracts made by this Committee, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee made the following awards of contracts subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, the award being in each case to the lowest bidder:

G. S. No. 100—Alter, etc., Heating Apparatus—Frank Dobson, ...	$744
G. S. No. 101—Alter, etc., Heating Apparatus—Baker, Smith & Co., ...	789
G. S. No. 69—Sanitary—P. Greene, ...	572
G. S. No. 47—Alter, Repair, etc.—Wm. A. Gedney, .	3,474
P. S. No. 26—Alter, Repair, etc.—Wm. A. Gedney, .	3,397

The late Trustees of the Seventh Ward appeared before the Committee and made statement with reference to bills of Wm. T. Nealis incurred in 1895, amounting in the aggregate to $321.63, on schools of the Seventh Ward in excess of their Incidental Fund, and without consulting the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Laid over to ascertain the financial ability to pay the bills in question.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM.

The Superintendent presented an application from John Shields, Janitor of Grammar School No. 45, asking for a leave of absence for ten days.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, the application was granted, the Janitor to employ a competent person to act during his absence.

The following named appropriations were made:

No. 81, G. S. 100—From appropriation "Heating and Ventilating apparatus, changes and repairs of,"

Proposal of Herman & Grace	$487 00

From Buildings Contingent Fund:

No. 105, G. S. No. 26—Removing book closets .	$50 00
No. 106, G. S. No. 56—New furniture, Room No. 13, fourth floor	130 00
No. 107, G. S. No. 57—Screens in front of doors to boys' water closet, west yard . . .	28 00
No. 108, G. S. No. 64—New water main . .	61 00
*No. 109, G. S. No. 83 Annex—Screen in front of door to water closet in yard . .	17 00
No. 110, G. S. No. 86—Repairing venetian blinds .	188 00
*No. 111, G. S. No. 90—Repairing venetian blinds .	145 00
No. 112, G. S. No. 91—Repairing venetian blinds .	130 00
	$749 00

*Lower bids received after meeting of Committee.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had approved the following named specifications:

G. S. No. 8—Improving lots in rear July 20th.
G. S. No. 65—Sanitary improvements July 23d.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The Superintendent called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the owner of No. 32½ Stone street disputed our title to the rear of lot of P. S. No. 15, No. 68 Pearl street.

He had ordered a survey of the property by Francis W. Ford, who advised him that the title was not very clear and that he had better see the Counsel to the Corporation before proceeding further with the building of the new closets. If the Corporation Counsel should advise a suspension of the work it would be necessary to notify the contractor, Mr. H. Hartmann, under clause Fifth (b) of the contract.

Referred to the Chairman with power, after conference with the Superintendent.

The Committee awarded contracts as follows, in each case the award being to the lowest bidder:

Ninety-first street and First avenue, New building, P. J. Walsh	$159,000
G. S. No. 27—Alterations, repairs, etc., Wm. Horne	1,000
G. S. No. 59—Alterations, repairs, etc., Erskine & McGregor	3,610
G. S. No. 90—Alterations, repairs, etc., Wm. Hudson	1,975

The consideration of proposals received for alterations, repairs, etc., at P. D. No. 60, G. S. No. 61, G. S. No. 82, P. S. No. 17, P. S. No. 11, P. S. No. 12, P. S. No. 8, G. S. No. 8, G. S. No. 38 and G. S. No. 42.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT and WEHRUM.

The Committee awarded the following named contracts, the contract in each case being awarded to the lowest bidder:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.

Grammar School No. 7—Mahony Bros.,	. . .	$3,170
" " " 69—R. McArtney,	. . .	1,322
" " " 38—William Horne,	. .	1,000

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

Grammar School No. 8—John F. Johnson,	. .	$9,892
" " " 65—Robert Macbeth,	. .	1,974

All proposals received for making alterations, repairs on the following named schools were rejected, the prices being deemed excessive:

Grammar School No. 8	Primary School No. 8
" " 42	" " 11
" " 60, P. D.	" " 12
" " 61	" " 17
" " 82	

The following named appropriations were made from the Building Contingent Fund:

App. No. 113—G. S. No. 3.—Repairs to leaders, etc.,	$17.00
App. No. 114—G. S. No. 57.—Cover for coal hole,	7.50
App. No. 115—P. S. No. 41.—Cleaning carpet,	2.50
App. No. 116—G. S. No. 33.—Altering waste pipe,	22.50
App. No. 117—G. S. No. 10.—Repairing damage,	35.00
Total, ...	$84.50

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had appointed William G. DeLamater an Inspector on New Buildings, to be paid a rate of wages of $4.50 per day for actual service, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee. Mr. DeLamater commenced duty on August 3d.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following named specifications, on July 27th, 1896:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.

Grammar Schools Nos. 1, 2, 3, 12, 20, 41, 44, 54, 93, and Primary School No. 36.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The following named appropriations were made:

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS.

App. No. 10—P. S. No. 16,	$212.00
App. No. 11—P. S. No. 18,	108.35
App. No. 12—P. S. No. 19,	145.00
App. No. 13—P. S. No. 32,	148.00
Total,	$613.35

SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No. 38—G. S. No. 2,	$185.00
App. No. 39—G. S. No. 6,	135.00
App. No. 40—G. S. No. 23,	110.00
App. No. 41—G. S. No. 27,	140.00
App. No. 42—G. S. No. 34,	175.00
App. No. 43—G. S. No. 64,	83.00
App. No. 44—G. S. No. 82,	208.00
App. No. 45—G. S. No. 85, Annex,	230.72
App. No. 46—G. S. No. 92,	185.00
App. No. 47—P. S. No. 2,	80.00
App. No. 48—P. S. No. 8,	160.00
Total,	$1,691.72

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No. 82—G. S. No. 1,	$177.00
App. No. 83—G. S. No. 3,	247.00
App. No. 84—G. S. No. 6,	235.00
App. No. 85—G. S. No. 7,	118.00
App. No. 86—G. S. No. 11,	223.00
App. No. 87—G. S. No. 13,	223.00
App. No. 88—G. S. No. 18,	250.00
App. No. 89—G. S. No. 21,	198.00
App. No. 90—G. S. No. 23,	155.00
App. No. 91—G. S. No. 32,	218.00
App. No. 92—G. S. No. 42,	70.00
App. No. 93—G. S. No. 44,	150.00
App. No. 94—G. S. No. 45,	229.00
App. No. 95—G. S. No. 47,	239.00
App. No. 96—G. S. No. 53,	250.00
App. No. 97—G. S. No. 94,	222.50
App. No. 98—P. S. No. 2,	193.00
App. No. 99—P. S. No. 6,	75.00
App. No. 100—P. S. No. 8,	181.00
App. No. 101—P. S. No. 11,	100.00
App. No. 102—P. S. No. 41,	240.00
Total,	$3,993.50

ESSEX MARKET.—The Superintendent informed the Committee that some unauthorized person is collecting rent for the lower part of said market, and that the Comptroller has stated that rent was not collected by his department.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Superintendent lay before the Counsel to the Corporation all the facts he has in regard to the case.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted bills for surveys made by Francis W. Ford:

June 25, 1896, corner Broome and Sheriff streets,	$25.00
July 2, 1896, 149th street, Beach and Union avenues,	55.00
July 10, 1896, East side Mott street, between Spring and Prince streets,	35.00
July 24, 1896, South side 157th street, east of Cortlandt avenue,	20.00
	$135.00

Ordered, To be recommended to the Board for payment from the Bond Account.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved for emergency work which may be required between this date and September 14th, where the cost does not exceed ten dollars ($10) the Inspectors may incur the expense and report the same to the Superintendent of School Buildings immediately, and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to arrange the details.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that with the approval of the Superintendent, he had granted a leave of absence to the following named Janitors, provided they employ competent persons to take charge of the premises during such absence, at their own expense.

G. S. No. 6—John J. Shelley, one day or part of a day in each week during the remainder of the vacation.

G. S. No. 73—Thomas W. Reilly, August 1st to 8th.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 2:45 o'clock, P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, WEHRUM and President MACLAY.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board authorizing the Superintendent of School Buildings and Clerk of the Board of Education to certify to payments due on contracts for Alterations, Repairs, etc.; Sanitary Improvements; Heating and Ventilating Apparatus; Furniture and repairs of; also, for erection of new buildings and additions to buildings and annexes, which may become due after July 1, 1896, and that the action of said Superintendent and Clerk in approving certificates of payments on contracts as aforesaid from said date be, and the same is hereby approved.

Ordered, That a resolution be presented in the Board making the following named appropriations, to be expended under the directions of the Committee on Buildings:

Sanitary Work, changes and repairs of,	$9,372 83
Repairs to Buildings,	7,030 20
Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, changes and repairs of,	20,000 00
Placing Fire Alarm Telegraph Wires in the Subways,	9,164 02
Furniture and repairs of,	2,837 46

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board transferring Edward J. Youdale, Inspector, on Bond Account work, to the position of Inspector on repairs to Buildings, at the same rate of wages, $4.50 per day, for actual service, and to serve during the pleasure of the Board.

The Committee approved payments on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 9—Standard Underground Cable Co. Fire alarm connections. Final payment . . .	$234 20
P. S. No. 41—Standard Underground Cable Co. Fire alarm connections. Final payment . .	479 50
G. S. No. 90—John Spence. Heating apparatus. Final payment	600 00
G. S. No. 33—Frank Dobson. Heating apparatus. Final payment	710 00
G. S. Nos. 26 and 33—Daniel Cary. Heating closets. Final payment	505 00
G. S. No. 74—Kyritz & Valentine. Repairs. Final payment	950 00
G. S. No. 34—Richmond School Furniture Co. Furniture. Final payment.	467 50
G. S. No. 6—Naragansett Machine Co. Furnishing gymnasium apparatus. Final payment . .	840 00
G. S. No. 43—Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works. Furniture, item No. 5. Final payment	365 00

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted:

G. S. No. 9—Fire alarm connections. Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors. Extended to April 27, 1896.

P. S. No. 41—Fire alarm connections. Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors. Extended to April 27, 1896.

G. S. Nos. 26 and 33. Heating closets. Daniel Cary, contractor. Extended to June 12, 1896.

G. S. No. 74—Repairs, etc. Kyritz & Valentine, contractors. Extended to April 20, 1896.

G. S. No. 43—Furniture, item No. 5. Manhattan School and Church Furniture Works, contractors. Extended to December 27, 1895.

The SUPERINTENDENT submitted an opinion from the Counsel

to the Corporation to the effect that Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for erecting the new school building at St. Ann's ave., One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-eighth streets, " is not entitled to extra payment for any work that may be necessary in order to place the foundation walls and columns upon the solid rock, and that all such work is included within the terms of the contract."

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for new school building at St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, appeared before the Committee in reference to the great depth to which he was obliged to excavate for the building, claiming that the depth in many places exceeded that given by the engineer by from twelve to eighteen feet, and asking permission to substitute piles with concrete capping for certain curtain walls in lieu of carrying the walls down to the rock, no extra charge to be made therefor, and agreeing to make an allowance of the difference in cost of construction, to be thereafter agreed upon, it being necessary to first ascertain the exact depth required to carry the piers.

Ordered, That the Superintendent prepare an agreement covering the facts, and have it signed by a majority of this Committee, the Contractor and his sureties, all as provided for in the contract.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, WEHRUM and the PRESIDENT—4.

The minutes of the meetings held July 20th and 27th, as printed, were approved.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Committee taken July 20th, 1896 (Minutes, p. 205), in awarding the contract for heating apparatus work, G. S. No. 100, to Frank Dobson for $744, be rescinded, an appropriation of $487 having been made for the purpose on July 27, 1896 (Minutes, p. 207).

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the contract with Chris topher Nally for sanitary work at G. S. No. 94 requires him to take down the present urinals and rebuild them, supply certain new troughs, etc. The specification did not provide for iron frame work, as it was supposed to be already in place, there being no way to determine the fact without taking down the slate work. The iron frame work is a necessity, and asking for permission to enter into an agreement with Mr. Nally for the extra work at an expense of $100.

Granted.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

7th Ward—G. S. No. 12.—To pay bill for clearing sewer,	$57 25
12th Ward—G. S. No. 37.—Pay bill for boxing pianos, removing furniture, etc., etc.,	39 60
Total,	$96 85

Appropriations were made on recommendation of the Superintendent as follows:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS:

No. 1	—G. S. No. 10.—Cesspools, etc.,	$72 00
No. 2	—G. S. No. 50.—Cleaning carpets,	8 00
No. 3	—G. S. No. 51.—Sidewalk work,	46 65
No. 4	—G. S. No. 62.—Sanitary work,	32 00
No. 5	—G. S. No. 75.—Repairs to roof,	10 00
No. 6	—G. S. No. 77.—Rearranging platform, etc.,	145 00
No. 7	—G. S. No. 86.—Classroom chairs,	64 00
No. 8	—G. S. No. 95.—Raise skylights, etc.,	60 00
No. 9	—G. S. No. 95.—New door, painting, etc.,	44 00
No. 10	—P. S. No. 7.—Repairing Venetian blinds,	30 00
No. 11	—P. S. No. 7.—Glazing, change battens, etc.,	19 75
No. 12	—P. S. No. 13.—Repair roof,	75 00
No. 13	—P. S. No. 23.—Gasfitting, etc.,	40 00
No. 14	—P. S. No. 35.—New boiler tube,	17 00
No. 15	—P. S. No. 37.—Repairs to sidewalks,	57 00
	Total,	$720 40

The following-named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

No. 133	—G. S. No. 33—New pavement in yard	$345
" 134	—G. S. No. 21—Installing electric lighting	485
" 135	—P. S. No. 43—(599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street).—Fitting up premises	489
" 136	—P. S. No. 43—(599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street).—Erecting pupils' closets, etc.	487
	Total,	$1,806

The Superintendent reported that he had employed James Waldron as Draughtsman in the Sanitary Division, under authority given by the Committee on July 6, 1896 (Minutes, p. 189) *vice* H. R. Halsey, transferred to Bond account (see Jol.,

Bd. of Ed., p. 993), at a rate of wages of $10 per week; also that Mr. Waldron commenced duty on August 17, 1896.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

The Superintendent reported that he had made the following appropriations, under the authority given by resolution of the Board of Education (Jol., pp. 760 and 788) from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

No. 100	—Storehouse—Repair sidewalk	$55 00
" 101	—G. S. No. 37—Removing stone cornice	65 00
" 102	—Hall of Board of Education—Samples, gas brackets, etc.	31 00
" 103	—G. S. No. 37—Removing, etc., furniture	68 80
" 104	—G. S. No. 15—Keys, etc.	3 15
" 118	—G. S. No. 94—Sanitary work	28 00
" 119	—G. S. No. 89—Wash basins	22 60
" 120	—P. S. No. 31—Flush pipe	18 00
" 121	—G. S. No. 16—Moving furniture from school to storehouse	5 00
" 122	—G. S. No. 92—Repairing, etc., water closet seats	16 00
" 123	—P. S. No. 26—Repairing gratings	23 00
" 124	—P. S. No. 31—Repairing urinals	90 00
" 125	—G. S. No. 3—Repair leak in girls' closet	26 20
" 126	—G. S. No. 49—Repair leak in pipes; flagging and masonwork	18 00
" 127	—G. S. No. 19—Repairs to plumbing, etc.	23 00
" 128	—P. S. No. 37— " " "	25 00
" 129	—G. S. No. 21—Seats, boys' closet	20 00
" 130	—P. S. No. 40—Repairing engine	16 65
" 131	—G. S. No. 21—Sanitary work, etc.	23 15
" 132	—P. S. No. 42—Moving furniture to storehouse	75 00
	Total,	$652 55

The Superintendent asked for an appropriation from the account "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs" to pay the following named bill:

No. 16—G. S. No. 9—The Consolidated Renovating Co., for cleaning the new building . . $70.00

Granted.

The Chairman reported that, with the approval of the Superintendent of School Buildings, he had granted leave of absence to the following named Janitors, provided they employ competent persons to take charge of the premises during such absence, at their own expense:

G. S. No. 32—John H. Biel, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., on August 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st.

G. S. No. 39—James D. Keenan, August 19th.

G. S. No. 69—C. M. Blauvelt, one week, beginning August 17th.

G. S. No. 79—August Raegener, August 13th, 14th and 15th.

G. S. No. 89—Wm. C. Valentine, one week, beginning August 10th.

G. S. No. 95—Chas. Fehrentz, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., on August 18th, 19th and 20th.

G. S. No. 96—Chas. Brown, August 20th and 21st.

P. S. No. 28—Wm. Kennelly, August 13th and 19th.

P. S. No. 37—Louis Fricke, August 19th.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

An extension of time was granted on the following named contract:

G. S. No. 87—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; extended to June 26th, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named payments on contracts:

Flags—M. Magee & Sons. Final payments, $189.36 and $54.68

G. S. No. 4—Richmond School Furniture Co. Final payment 550.00

G. S. No. 20—Geo. B. Riggins, heating apparatus, etc. Final payment 675.00

G. S. No. 22—Geo. B. Riggins, heating apparatus, etc. Final payment 493.00

G. S. No. 22—Richmond School Furniture Co., furniture. Final payment $500.00
G. S. No. 87—Standard Underground Cable Co., fire alarm connections. Final payment . . . 286.80
G. S. No. 90—Richmond School Furniture Co., furniture. Final payment 357.00
P. S. No. 2—Richmond School Furniture Co., furniture. Final payment 457.76
P. S. No. 40—Geo. B. Riggins, heating apparatus, etc. Only payment 391.00

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Commissioner Hurlbut, Chairman, be appointed for the examination and inspection of all Janitors now holding position in the public schools. The other members of the Committee on Buildings to be notified of the time and place of such examination and inspection.

Commissioner HURLBUT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be, and he is hereby directed, to report to the Chairman, any buildings upon which the contractors claim that they will be delayed by the failure of the City to sell Bonds, and therefore its inability to pay the contractors for continuing work. The Chairman upon receipt of such information to communicate with the President of the Board.

Adopted.

The Committee opened proposals for alterations, repairs, etc., and made awards of contracts as follows, the award in each case being to the lowest bidder:

G. S. No. 1—Mahony Bros. $585
G. S. No. 2—Mahony Bros. 1,450
G. S. No. 3—John H. Goetschius . . . 850
G. S. No. 12—Mahony Bros. 220

G. S. No. 20—Mahony Bros.	$465
G. S. No. 41—Patrick Sullivan	976
G. S. No. 44—John H. Goetschius	850
G. S. No. 54—John Law	490
G. S. No. 93—John Law	322
G. S. No. 97 and Annex—James J. Harper	2,907
G. S. No. 98—James J. Harper	2,747
G. S. No. 100—James J. Harper	1,081
P. S. No. 36—Patrick Sullivan	570
P. S. No. 48—James J. Harper	639
Annex G. S. No. 4—71 and 73 Pitt street, alter and fit up, Patrick Sullivan	989

G. S. No. 101—The matter of awarding the contract for making alterations, repairs, etc., was laid over for future consideration.

The following named appropriations were made from the appropriation "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs," on recommendation of the Superintendent:

No. 17—G. S. No. 11—Blackboards,	$35 95
" 18—G. S. No. 26— "	82 25
" 19—G. S. No. 41— "	116 20
" 20—G. S. No. 56— "	45 70
" 21—G. S. No. 68— "	23 95
Total,	$304 05

The Committee considered the Budget for 1897, as prepared by the Superintendent, which was adopted and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Trustees HURLBUT and WEHRUM—3.

The minutes of the meeting held August 19th were amended on page 220, as follows:

First resolution to read as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Committee on Buildings go into Committee of the Whole, with Commissioner HURLBUT acting as chairman, for the examination and inspection of all Janitors now holding positions in the public schools * * * * *."

The minutes of the meetings held August 3d, 6th and 19th as printed and amended, were approved.

The Superintendent reported that there would be required at least 75 tin signs, with names and address of Janitors, to be placed on those schools where Janitors reside outside of the building.

The Superintendent was authorized to procure the tin signs at fifty cents (.50) each, that being the lowest bid received, with the names and address of the Janitors for the different schools painted thereon.

New Building.—St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street. The Superintendent reported that the agreement in reference to driving of piles for certain portions of foundations at St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street school had been duly signed by the Committee, the contractor, his sureties and himself, and placed on file.

Arthur Hall.—From Trustees 12th Ward to pay bill of Joseph Bierhoff, amounting to $384, for rent of Arthur Hall, used as an annex to F. D., G. S. No. 68, from May 1st, 1895, to July 3d, 1895.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

The following named appropriations were made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

7th Ward—G. S. No. 2.—Book closet	$14 50
16th Ward—G. S. No. 45.—Pay bill for rebuilding two chimneys	29 42
23d Ward—P. S. No. 43.—Pay bill of O. Rockefeler for chairs	25 75
Total	$69 67

8th Ward—G. S. No. 38.—To pay bill of Chas. Lipp, May 7 and 9, 1895, amounting to $10, for repairing pianos.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

P. S. No. 44.—Matter of erecting a new school building at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach avenue was taken up.

The City Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *June* 12, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

In relation to the application of the Board of School Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward for authority to prepare plans and specifications for a Primary School at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach avenue, I would say that a new and permanent building is needed to take the place of a temporary structure now occupied by Primary School No. 44.

Although only a Primary School is needed in that locality at the present time, the plans for the structure to be erected should

provide for an addition which would accommodate grammar classes as well as additional primary classes which must be formed in the not distant future.

I would recommend, therefore, that authority be given to erect a Primary School to accommodate 16 classrooms.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a report be introduced in the Board authorizing the Committee on Buildings to advertise for proposals for erecting a new Primary School building on the site at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach avenue to accommodate sixteen classrooms; also for heating, ventilating and furnishing the same.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 76.—Plans for improving the lot adjoining the east side and premises were presented and approved.

Ordered, that a resolution by introduced in the Board authorizing the Committee on Buildings to advertise for proposals for doing the work.

From Andrews Manufacturing Co., to have the final payments on their contracts for furniture work divided into two payments each:

G. S. No. 10—	$500 and	$198	$698
G. S. No. 54—	700 "	295	995
G. S. No. 59—	500 "	100	600
G. S. No. 66—	700 "	160	860
P. S. No. 28—	700 "	190	890

Granted.

Commissioner HURLBUT presented the following report from the Committee of the Whole on the examination and inspection of Janitors:

SEPTEMBER 2d, 1896.

In Committee on Buildings, August 19th, 1896.

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings go into Committee of the Whole with Commissioner William H. Hurlbut, acting as Chairman, for the examination and inspection of all Janitors now holding position in the Public Schools.

The other members of the Committee on Buildings to be notified of the time and place of such examination and inspection.

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed) ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the Committee held sessions on August 24th and 25th, and had before it all the Janitors with the exception of those of G. S. Nos. 6, 42, 43, 52, 68, 73, 74, 76, 89, 97; and P. S. Nos. 3, 19, 23, 28, 29, 33, 38, 39, 47 and 48.

These have since reported in person to the Superintendent of School Buildings, with the exception of G. S. Nos. 52, 68, 74, 76, and P. S. No. 10, who are ill; and of G. S. Nos. 42, 43, and P. S. No. 3, recently deceased.

The attention of the Committee on Buildings is called to the physical or mental condition of the Janitors of G. S. Nos. 1, 31, 34, 47, 60, 61, 76; P. S. Nos. 17, 30, 42.

The Janitors of G. S. Nos. 15, 20, 25, 66, and P. S. No. 19, while physically able to do all the work, are unable to do more than write their names, some of them finding difficulty in doing even that in the presence of the Committee.

The Janitors of G. S. Nos. 1, 31, 47, 60, 61, 68, 98; P. S. Nos. 13, 17, 30, have been notified to appear before the Committee on Buildings on Wednesday, Sept. 2d.

The Janitor of G. S. No. 76 has been a helpless invalid for several years.

The attention of the Committee is called to the fact that

women are employed as Janitors in some of the schools (one school having about fourteen hundred children on register).

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HURLBUT,
Chairman Committee.

Ordered, That said report be printed in full in the minutes.

The Janitors of the following named schools appeared before the Committee and were examined: Grammar Schools Nos. 1, 31, 47, 60, 61, 68, 98, and Primary Schools Nos. 13, 17, and 30.

Ordered, that the Janitor of Grammar School No. 76 present to this Committee a physician's certificate as to his physical condition to perform the duties as Janitor.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a copy of a letter sent by him to the President of the Board, as follows:

NEW YORK, *August* 25, 1896.

Hon. ROBERT MACLAY,
President of the Board of Education:

DEAR SIR—The Superintendent of School Buildings has notified me that the contractors of Primary Schools Nos. 2, 8 and 34; also of Grammar Schools Nos. 28, 36, 75, 77 and the new school in 119th street, have given notice that they will be obliged to stop work on said buildings unless they are paid the amounts of money due on their contracts.

There are now about a dozen vouchers in the Comptroller's office, running from $800 to $12,000, most of them have been there for more than a month and remain unpaid, presumably because of the non-sale of bonds, and I write to ask you to call the particular attention of the Mayor and Comptroller to the circumstances of these cases in order that, if it be possible, these contractors may be paid.

These schools have on register more than twelve thousand scholars, and unless the school houses are completed in time for the opening of the schools in September, this army of children will be unprovided for; salaries of the teachers will continue but the children will be left to run the streets.

Hoping that something may be done to prevent the necessity of suspending work on these school houses, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

JOSEPH J. LITTLE.
Chairman Committee on Buildings.

Approved, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had appointed Mr. P. J. Reilly as an Inspector on New Buildings at a salary of $4.50 per day for actual service, payable from the Bond Account, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

Approved.

The CHAIRMAN reports that on July 28th, acting under the power given him by the Committee on Buildings on July 27th, and after conference with the Superintendent of School Buildings, he notified Mr. Herman Hartman, contractor for sanitary work, P. S. No. 15, No. 68 Pearl street, to suspend building operations on said premises, pending the decision of the Counsel to Corporation as to our right and title to a certain portion of the rear of the lot heretofore used by us, but now claimed by the owners of No. 32½ Stone street. The power to order a suspension of building operations without compensation to the contractor being provided for under clause fifth (b) of the contract.

On August 6th the Superintendent wrote the Counsel to Corporation, rehearsing all the proceedings and asking for an early decision, so as to enable the contractor to complete his work in time for the opening of school sessions. No answer being received he wrote again on August 21st and 27th.

On the 31st he received a reply from the Counsel to Corporation stating that our right to a strip four feet wide across the rear of the lot was doubtful, and advised us not to build on it.

The Superintendent thereupon ordered the contractor to proceed at once with the work of his contract, building his rear wall upon the lines to be given him by City Surveyor Ford, who was requested to give us lines as advised in letter of Corporation Counsel.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The Superintendent submitted agreements for amending contracts approved by him :

G. S. No. 11—Alfred Nugent & Son : Repairs, etc.
G. S. No. 57—Robert Macbeth : Alterations, etc.
G. S. No. 71—John F. Johnson : Alterations, etc.
G. S. No. 94—Christopher Nally : Sanitary.
P. S. No. 3—Mahony Bros.: Repairs, etc.
P. S. No. 4—J. H. Goetschius: Repairs, etc.
P. S. No. 8—Tolmie & Luyster: Iron stairs, etc.

Approved.

From Timothy Curtain, Janitor of storehouse (old P. S. No. 28) for leave of absence for two months.

Granted.

Bill of George Scofield, Dec. 3–6, 1894, for repairs to roof of P. S. No. 19.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was ordered that this Committee recommend to the Board the payment of the bill.

An extension of time for the completion of work was granted on the following-named contracts :

Flagpoles.—Cheseboro, Whitman & Co., contractors. Extended to August 19, 1896.

119th street and Madison avenue.—Narragansett Machine Co. Furniture, Item No. 4. Extended to October 1, 1896.

The Committee approved payments on the following-named contracts :

Cheseboro, Whitman & Co., Flag poles. Final payment,	$1,690 00
P. S. No. 35.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., Furniture. Final payment,	532 00
G. S. No. 50.—Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture. Final payment,	649 00

G. S. No. 35.—Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture. Final payment, ... $927 00
G. S. No. 26.—Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture. Final payment, ... 787 00
G. S. No. 22.—Tolmie & Luyster: Erecting iron stairs, etc. Final payment, ... 897 00
G. S. No. 26.—Frank Dobson, Heating Apparatus. Final payment, ... 720 00
G. S. No. 87.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., Furniture, Item No. 2. Final payment, . . . 595 00

Ordered, To recommend to the Board the payment of the following-named bill of Francis W. Ford, for survey:

August 15, 1896—Courtland avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, $45.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a plan for a tablet for new school buildings, which was approved.

Mr. E. Rutzler, contractor, appeared before the Committee and requested permission to assign the first two payments due on his contracts for heating and ventilating apparatus work on Grammar Schools Nos. 9 and 77, for the purpose of obtaining money to complete said contracts, said payments amounting in the aggregate to $20,000, and could not be obtained from the Comptroller.

Granted.

G. S. No. 37.—Commissioner WEHRUM moved that at the request of the City Superintendent, the Superintendent of School Buildings is hereby authorized to furnish rooms in Primary School No. 42 for temporary use of Grammar School No. 37.

Adopted.

The following-named appropriations were made from the fund "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs," recommended by the Superintendent.

No. 22.	G. S. No. 19—Repairs	$50 00
" 23.	P. D. No. 60—Stove work	9 75
" 24.	G. S. No. 50—Blackboard	18 45
" 25.	P. S. No. 4—Blackboard	64 75
" 26.	P. S. No. 6—Repairs and painting	39 00
" 27.	G. S. No. 40—Plumbing	20 00
" 28.	P. S. No. 36—Roof painting	50 00
" 29.	G. S. No. 32—Cleaning carpets, etc.	16 00
" 30.	P. S. No. 1—Wardrobes, etc.	20 00
" 31.	G. S. No. 47—Repairing furniture	25 00
" 32.	G. S. No. 38—Repairs, six rooms	72 00
" 33.	P. S. No. 36—Fence work	142 00
" 34.	G. S. No. 89—Repairing furniture	182 00
" 35.	G. S. No. 41—Repairing Venetian blinds	55 50
" 36.	G. S. No. 15—Repairing gutters, leaders, fence, etc.	38 30
" 37.	G. S. No. 84—Repairing Venetian blinds	45 00
" 38.	G. S. No. 25—Repairing roof, leader, etc.	21 00
" 39.	G. S. No. 68—Repairing doors, etc.	10 00
" 40.	G. S. No. 51—Repairing plastering	47 00
" 41.	G. S. No. 38—Repairing bell work, etc.	45 00
" 42.	G. S. No. 39—Sash cord for windows	9 00
" 43.	G. S. No. 10—Repairing doors, etc.	21 60
" 44.	P. S. No. 40—Locks, picture moulding, etc.	20 00
" 45.	G. S. No. 83—Repairing locks, etc.	7 00
	Total	$1,028 35

On recommendation of the Superintendent, the following named appropriations were made:

SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF:

No. 52.	P. S. No. 12	$176 00
" 53.	P. S. No. 19	180 00
" 54.	P. S. No. 44	199 00
" 55.	P. S. No. 45	95 00
" 56.	P. S. No. 46	99 00
" 57.	P. S. No. 47	95 00
	Total	$844 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF:

No. 104.	P. S. No. 34	$75 00
" 105.	P. S. No. 12	32 00
" 106.	G. S. No. 41	192 00
" 107.	P. S. No. 13	66 00
" 108.	G. S. No. 60	115 00
" 109.	G. S. No. 62	197 00
" 110.	G. S. No. 91	155 00
" 111.	G. S. No. 33	47 00
" 112.	G. S. No. 66	100 00
	Total	$979 00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

No. 140.	P. S. No. 43 - Iron stairs	$988 00
" 141.	G. S. No. 98 " "	900 00
	Total	$1,888 00

The Superintendent reported that he had made the following appropriations from the Buildings Contingent Fund under the authority given by resolution of the Board of Education (Journal, 1896, pp. 760, 788):

No. 137.	G. S. No. 47—Repairing wall	$25 00
" 138.	G. S. No. 65—Removing trees	56 00
" 139.	G. S. No. 37—Disconnecting and removing radiators to storehouse	106 00
	Total	$187 00

The Superintendent was requested to recommend to the Board the removal of the Janitrix of the following named schools for the reason that, in the opinion of the Committee, women are not competent to take charge of the schools in question:

G. S. No. 52. P. S. Nos. 6, 31 and 41.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners HURLBUT, WEHRUM and the President—3.

From the Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, dated June 26, to transfer Patrick Barry from the position of Janitor of Grammar School No. 24 to Grammar School No. 43.

Denied.

The Superintendent submitted the following communication:

NEW YORK, *September 8th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN—The following removal, transfer and nominations for Janitorship of various Schools will be presented to the Board of Education as per Section 28, Chapter 387, Laws of 1896, at their meeting to-morrow, and are hereby submitted to this Committee for its approval, all of the nominees having been examined and found fully qualified:

Patrick Long, Janitor P. S. No. 42, being 67 years of age and unqualified to take charge of boilers, steam engines, etc., I respectfully recommend be removed.

Bernard Byrne, transferred from G. S. No. 9 to P. S. No. 3, 119th street, near Pleasant avenue, vice Mrs. Emma Lee, deceased.

Alfred Hawes, G. S. No. 9, 82d street and West End avenue, vice Bernard Byrne, transferred.

Timothy Regan, Old P. S. No. 42, S. S. 88th street, between Second and Third avenues, vice Patrick Long, removed.

John Thomas Jameson, G. S. No. 42, Allen and Hester streets, vice Henry C. Meyer, deceased.

John William Smith, G. S. No. 43, 129th street and Amsterdam avenue, vice Patrick Demsey, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Approved.

The following named payment on contract was approved:

P. S. No. 1—George B. Riggins—Heating Apparatus—Final payment, ... $525 00

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners HURLBUT, ADAMS and PRENTISS—4.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the minutes of September 2d, page 229, in the matter of change in contracts, be amended as follows:

G. S. No. 11—Alfred Nugent & Son: Repairs, etc.

In lieu of the six hundred (600) square feet of tin roofing, which has been laid and which does not conform to the specifications, the said contractors are to lay an additional six hundred (600) square feet of approved tin on roof of the front wings of said school.

G. S. No. 57—Robert Macbeth: Alterations, etc.

In lieu of removing all loose and defective plastering at all parts of cellar of main building, making same good, and whitewashing coal bins, woodwork and ceiling, as called for on page 28 of specifications, the said contractor is to repair plastering of ceiling, main hall, from top to bottom, and paint same, three coats of paint, with lines, bands and stencils, same as present, colors as directed.

G. S. No. 71—John F. Johnson: Alterations, etc.

In lieu of painting the Principal's room on top story, as called for in specifications, the said contractor is to paint the east wing class room on first story throughout, walls and ceilings, two coats; all grained work to be painted two coats, grained and varnished two coats, as called for in specifications for other work.

G. S. No. 94—Christopher Nally: Sanitary, etc.

In addition to the work called for in specifications, the said contractor is to put in new iron frames for urinals to replace old wooden frames, at an extra compensation of one hundred ($100.00) dollars.

P. S. No. 3—Mahony Bros.: Repairs, etc.

In lieu of removing one thousand (1,000) square feet of N. C. pine flooring laid and not conforming to the specifications, which call for comb-grained yellow pine, the said contractors are to remove all dirt from brick, stone and wood work that has been whitewashed in playrooms, and give same one coat of lime whitewash which will not rub off.

P. S. No. 4—John H. Goetschius: Repairs, etc.

In lieu of the five hundred (500) square feet of tin roofing which has been laid and which does not conform to the specifications, the said contractor is to lay an additional five hundred (500) square feet of approved tin on roof of one of the rear wings of said school.

P. S. No. 8—Tolmie & Luyster: Iron stairs, etc.

In lieu of rebuilding two storm sheds as called for in specifications, said storm sheds having been taken down to build stairway, the said contractors are to hang two doors in yard openings of north and south exits, and cut off the wrought iron uprights carrying stairs, which now run to yard level, supporting the above so as to give free passage to exits on each side of building; also run galvanized iron leader from roof of new stairway to leader of main building in corner of each yard.

Adopted.

The minutes of meetings held September 2d and 8th, as printed and amended, were approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report with reference to opening of several school buildings; reasons for delay, etc.

Ordered, That said report be presented to the Board.

The Superintendent reported that "On August 3d, 1896, I laid before this Committee a statement that some unauthorized person was collecting rent from tenants of Essex Market Building, and was directed to lay the matter before the Corporation Counsel, which I did.

"Have heard nothing of the matter since, and the people are yet occupying the premises, some of them interfering by their awnings with the light and air of the school."

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the Superintendent be instructed to order said tenants to remove the awnings at once, and that the balance of the communication be laid over until next meeting.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the Janitors of G. S. Nos. 1 and 31, also P. S. Nos. 10 and 30, were either physically or mentally incapable of performing the duties of the position, and recommended the following, who were examined on Sept. 4th, to fill the positions:

G. S. No. 1—Mr. E. H. Terwilliger, vice S. Gougherty, who is mentally incapable of performing his duties as Janitor. Mr. Terwilliger did not appear.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 31—Appointment of a Janitor, vice Patrick Malone, whom Examining Physician reports physically incapable of performing his duties as Janitor. The Superintendent presented the names of Frank Bergan, John Tasker and Thomas F. Hughes as candidates for the position, all receiving about the same percentage. The gentlemen appeared before the Committee and were heard.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that Mr. Frank Bergan, he receiving the highest per centage, be selected and that his name be presented to the Board.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 30—Joseph Swift, vice John Doran, who from his advanced age and lack of ability to run the steam heating and ventilating plant, installed in the building this summer in place of the stoves heretofore in use, is no longer competent to perform the duties of Janitor.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved, and that the name of Joseph Swift be presented to the Board.

Adopted.

In the matter of complaint of Peter ~~W.~~ Phillips, contractor for erecting annex, etc., G. S. No. 37. The Superintendent reported that a copy of complaint together with copy of communication addressed to the Superintendent were forwarded to the Corporation Counsel on Sept. 8th, and as yet no answer has been secured.

The Superintendent presented the following plans for approval:

P. S. No. 31—Improving new lot, etc.

Laid over.

P. D., G. S. No. 60—Improving new lots, etc.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that, for inclosing yard, a wooden fence be substituted for that of brick, thereby lessening the expense, otherwise the plans be approved.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 34—Erecting annex, etc.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 25—Improving lots, etc.

Approved.

The Superintendent submitted agreements amending contracts approved by him, as follows:

G. S. No. 47—William Gedney: Repairs, etc.

In lieu of painting the kindergarten room, cook room and main assembly room on fourth story of said school, as called for in specifications, the said contractor is to paint east and west rooms adjoining main stairway on third floor of G. S. No. 35, and further will suffer the sum of fifty ($50) dollars to be deducted from the contract price of $3,474.00 for repairs, etc., at said G. S. No. 47.

G. S. No. 38.—Herman Hartman: Repairs, etc.

In lieu of furnishing iron screens, as called for in specifications, the said contractor is to furnish and set wire mesh guards, with locks, etc., complete on all windows of rear first story and six classrooms and stairway windows on second story without extra charge.

Approved.

G. S. No. 91.—To pay bill of Jules F. Valois, June 27, 1896, amounting to $10, for repairing piano.

Ordered, to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Application of Miss Jessie H. Woodruff, for position of stenographer and typewriter in office of Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that this Committee recommend to the Committee on Supplies that Miss Jessie H. Woodruff be appointed for the position at a salary of $50 per month.

Adopted.

In the matter of Janitrix P. S. No. 31, Commissioner ADAMS moved that owing to Mrs. A. L. Butterfield's competency and long years of service, she be retained in her present position.

Adopted.

In the matter of Janitrix P. S. No. 41, Mrs. Mary Gormley.

Laid over.

The Superintendent reported that on August 3d, a resolution was moved and adopted, whereby power was given to the Build-

ing Inspectors to order up to September 14, 1896, small repairs on school buildings, in sums not exceeding $10, same to be reported to the Superintendent at once, and asked that same be extended to October 1st.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported, that during his absence, Acting Chairman William H. Hurlbut on September 8th had approved the specification for erecting a new building at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Beach avenue.

Ordered, That the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the following appropriation was made from the fund "Furniture and Repairs of."

No. 3. G. S. No. 89.—New desks, slates, etc., . . $411 92

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had made the following appropriations from Buildings Contingent Fund, under authority given by resolution of the Board of Eduation. (Jol. 1896, pp. 760, 788.)

No. 142.	P. S. No. 37—Painting, etc., . . .	$47	00
" 143.	G. S. No. 77—Moving flagpole, etc., . .	25	00
" 144.	G. S. No. 47—Making floors safe, . .	30	00
" 145.	G. S. No. 98—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	12	00
" 146.	G. S. No. 97—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	20	00
" 147.	G. S. No. 101—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	50	00
" 148.	P. S. No. 18—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	30	00
" 149.	P. S. No. 38—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	40	00
" 150.	P. S. No. 46—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	30	00
" 151.	G. S. No. 63—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults, ...	20	00

No. 152.	G. S. No. 65—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		$17 00
" 153.	G. S. No. 97—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		15 00
" 154.	G. S. No. 100—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		20 00
	Total,		$356 00

The following appropriations were made from the fund "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs," recommended by the Superintendent:

No. 46.	G. S. No. 23—Sundry repairs,	$54 00
" 47.	G. S. No. 34, Annex—Repairs to sidewalk,	25 00
" 48.	G. S. No. 5—Repairs, etc.,	16 50
" 49.	G. S. No. 68—Repairing furniture,	164 00
" 50.	P. S. No. 14—Painting,	70 00
" 51.	G. S. No. 89—Repairs, etc.,	46 50
" 52.	G. S. No. 12— " "	26 00
" 53.	P. S. No. 12—New furniture and alterations,	69 00
" 54.	G. S. No. 8—Roofing and coal bins,	110 00
" 55.	G. S. No. 82—Repairing Venetian blinds,	21 50
" 56.	G. S. No. 68—Plumbing, etc.,	27 00
" 57.	G. S. No. 43— " "	16 50
" 58.	G. S. No. 95— " "	50 00
" 59.	G. S. No. 10—Cutting of closet seats,	23 00
" 60.	G. S. No. 64—Plumbing, etc.,	21 00
" 61.	P. S. No. 47—Roof work,	37 50
" 62.	G. S. No. 54—Repairing Venetian blinds, clean carpets,	81 95
" 63.	G. S. No. 89—New closet seats, etc.,	55 00
" 64.	P. S. No. 29—Front wall repairs,	89 00
" 65.	G. S. No. 69—Repairs, glazing, etc.,	29 60
" 66.	G. S. No. 91— " " "	29 75
" 67.	G. S. No. 21—Repairs, sashes, etc.,	25 85
" 68.	G. S. No. 28—Copings, etc.,	55 00

No. 69.	G. S. No. 14—Waste pipe, etc.,	$23 00
" 70.	G. S. No. 4—Repairs, etc.,	55 00
" 71.	G. S. No. 36—Plumbing,	18 50
" 72.	G. S. No. 90—Sidewalk repairs, etc.,	27 00
" 73.	G. S. No. 92—Repairs, etc.,	40 00
" 74.	G. S. No. 10— " "	45 00
" 75.	G. S. No. 14— " "	79 00
" 76.	G. S. No. 3— " "	23 00
" 77.	G. S. No. 39—Slates,	20 90
" 78.	G. S. No. 17—Blackboards and moving closets,	33 65
" 79.	G. S. No. 95—Wainscoting, etc.,	60 00
" 80.	G. S. No. 72—Repairs, etc.,	61 00
" 81.	P. S. No. 7—Bookcloset, etc.,	15 75
" 82.	G. S. No. 88—Plumbing, etc.,	26 00
" 83.	G. S. No. 94—Painting, etc.,	89 00
" 84.	G. S. No. 64—Plumbing,	85 00
" 85.	G. S. No. 38—Repairing Venetian blinds, cleaning carpets, etc.,	79 35
" 86.	P. S. No. 33—Repairs, glazing, etc,	54 00
	Total,	$1,978 80

The Committee approved payments on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 27.—Richmond School Furniture Co. Furniture. Final payment	$397.00
G. S. No. 60.—O. Rockefeller, Furniture. Final payment	219.50
P. D. G. S. No. 60.—O. Rockefeller, Furniture. Final payment	439 50
G. S. No. 73.—Richmond School Furniture Co. Furniture. Final payment	791.00
G. S. No. 87.—Richmond School Furniture Co. Item No. 1. Final payment	600.00

The Superintendent recommended that a resolution be pre-

sented to the Board requesting the following appropriation from the fund, 1896, "Pianos and Repairs of":

G. S. No. 19.—Repairing piano, P. D. . . $65.00

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education met this day at 3.45 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS and HURLBUT.

From the Inspectors of the Twenty-third District, requesting that Mr. Bernard Byrne be retained as Janitor of Grammar School No. 9.

The Chairman reported that the Inspectors had been notified that Mr. Byrne had been appointed Janitor of Primary School No. 3, and that the Inspectors had notified him that the arrangement was satisfactory to them.

The Superintendent reported that he would recommend to the Board the removal and the appointment of the following named Janitors:

Sylvester Gougherty—G. S. No. 1—For removal.
Patrick Malone—G. S. No. 31—For removal.
John Doran—P. S. No. 30—For removal.
Elting H. Terwilliger—G. S. No. 1—Appointed, vice S. Gougherty who is mentally incapable of performing his duties as Janitor.

The Committee concurred in the recommendations to be made by the Superintendent.

The following named final payments on contracts were approved:

James Curran Mfg. Co.—Heating Apparatus—G. S. No. 19	$694.00
John Spence—Heating Apparatus—G. S. No. 31	596.00
Richmond School Furniture Co.—Furniture—G. S. No. 45	687.00
John Spence—Heating Apparatus—G. S. No. 68	484.00
Richmond School Furniture Co.—Furniture Item No. 2—G. S. No. 77	227.29

The Clerk of the Board was instructed to send to each Principal a copy of the rules regulating the duties of Janitors.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—4.

The minutes of the meetings held September 14th and 16th, as printed, were approved.

P. S. No. 31.—Plans for improving lots adjoining and premises of Primary School No. 31 were approved.

Communications were received from the following named contractors in reference to their inability to obtain money on contract payments from the Comptroller:

Erskine & McGregor, repairs on Grammar Schools Nos. 25, 59, 83; sanitary work, Grammar School No. 78.

E. Rutzler, heating, Grammar Schools Nos. 8, 77 and new building One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Madison avenue.

Blake & Williams, heating apparatus, Grammar School No. 49 and Primary School No. 30.

John F. Johnson, repairs, Grammar Schools Nos. 16, 49 and 61.

Ordered, That a letter be addressed to the President requesting him to call the attention of the Comptroller to the necessity of making payments on contracts due Blake & Williams and John F. Johnson, promptly, in order that the work may be proceeded with and the sessions of the schools not interfered with; and the consideration of the matter of E. Rutzler and Erskine & McGregor be laid over.

G. S. No. 31.—Resignation of Frank Bergan, recently appointed.

Laid over.

Resignation of John Weber, Janitor of Grammar School No. 61, and recommendation of the Superintendent to transfer Patrick Barry from Grammar School No. 24 to No. 61.

Laid over.

From Mrs. Mary E. McCloskey, Principal P. D. G. S. No. 17, complaining of a watering trough near the school.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. McCloskey that the watering trough in question was placed there by the Department of Public Works, and is not considered dangerous or a nuisance to the school.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the lease of the following described premises would expire during the coming month, and the matter of rehiring had been referred to this Committee with power:

Annex G. S. No. 46, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, west of Amsterdam avenue, expires October 6, 1896. Annual rental, $2,800. Owner, Mrs. Fanny Keary.

P. S. No. 9, corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue, expires October 1, 1896. Annual rental, $3,800, owner to accept premises at the expiration of the lease in the same condition as they were in at the time of the expiration. Owner, Jacob Ruppert.

Superintendent JASPER appeared before the Committee and recommended the rehiring of the premises in question.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the premises in question be rehired for one year on the same terms as the respective leases now in force.

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Superintendent,

Ordered, That requests for repairs, etc., formerly made to

Trustees, should be made in writing, promptly, to the Superintendent of School Buildings, by the Principals of the respective schools.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the City Superintendent of Schools be requested to look into the question of school accommodations in the Twenty-fifth School Inspection District, and submit to this Committee his views and suggestions on the subject.

Adopted.

The Superintendent called the attention of the Committee to the delay of P. J. Walsh, contractor, in carrying out the work on his contracts, and the Chairman was authorized to address a letter to Mr. Walsh instructing him to proceed at once with the work.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent the following named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

No.	87.	G. S. No. 1—Plumbing, ...	$29 00
"	88.	G. S. No. 7—Sanitary work, . . .	69 00
"	89.	G. S. No. 13—Repairing furniture, . .	80 00
"	90.	G. S. No. 13—Sanitary work, . . .	21 00
"	91.	G. S. No. 19—Repairing furniture, . .	94 00
"	92.	G. S. No. 19—Ash hoist, ...	165 00
"	93.	G. S. No. 23—Water closet and basins, .	21 00
"	94.	G. S. No. 25—Repairing furniture, . .	33 00
"	95.	G. S. No. 26—Moving furniture, etc. . .	20 00
"	96.	G. S. No. 55—Bell work, etc., . . .	30 00
"	97.	G. S. No. 63, Annex—Stove work, . .	108 00
"	98.	G. S. No. 77—Sanitary work, . . .	37 00
"	99.	P. S. No. 22—Repairing furniture, . .	17 00
"	100.	P. S. No. 37— " " . .	24 00
"	101.	G. S. No. 31—Curtains, ...	37 50
"	102.	G. S. No. 12—Sanitary work, . . .	200 00
"	103.	G. S. No. 83— " . . .	198 00

No. 104.	G. S. No. 59—Sanitary Work,	. . .	$200 00
" 105.	P. S. No. 35— "	. . .	174 50
" 106.	G. S. No. 32— "	. . .	150 00
" 107.	G. S. No. 28— "	. . .	200 00
" 108.	P. S. No. 18— "	. . .	97 00
	Total,	. . . . .	$2,005 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS—CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

No. 113.	P. S. No. 38—Heating, etc.,	. . .	$90 00
" 114.	P. S. No. 8— " "	. . .	28 00
	Total,	. . . . .	$118 00

SANITARY WORK—CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

No. 58.	G. S. No. 1—Sanitary repairs,	. . .	$250 00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

No. 155.	P. S. No. 43—Sanitary work, new closets,	.	$485
" 156.	G. S. No. 85—Fence and pavement,	. .	225
	Total,	. . . . .	$710

Commissioner PRENTISS voted in the negative on the appropriation of $485 for Primary School No. 43.

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted:

P. S. No. 30—Repairs to roof, Daniel J. Deady, contractor; dated April 21, 1896; extended to July 6, 1896.

G. S. Nos. 51, 67, 80, 84, 94—Fire Alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; dated July 8, 1896; extended to September 12, 1896.

The following named final payments on contracts were approved:

Richmond School Furniture Co.—Furniture—G. S. No. 82,	$897 00
Alfred Nugent & Son—Sanitary—P. S. No. 3,	297 00
Daniel J. Deady—Repairs to roof—P. S. No. 30,	524 00
Standard Underground Cable Co.—Fire Alarm connections—G. S. Nos. 51, 67, 80, 84, 94,	2,176 88

The CHAIRMAN submitted the following communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 21st, 1896.

Hon. JOSEPH J. LITTLE,

Chairman, Committee on Buildings.

DEAR SIR.—I would respectfully report that all the schools are now open, with the exception of the following:

G. S. No. 16, No. 208 West Thirteenth street. Opening postponed until the 28th inst. Contractor reported this morning that as yet he had received no money from the Comptroller on his contract.

G. S. No. 37, Nos. 113-119 East Eighty-Seventh street. Peter N. Phillips, Contractor. I had a conversation with the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation on Friday last in reference to the matter, and he requested me to interview Mr. Phillips, and see if some compromise could not be effected. I expect to carry out this request to-day.

P. S. No. 25, No. 180 Wooster street. Opening postponed one week. Messrs. Mahony Brothers, contractors, report that they have received no money from Comptroller as yet.

G. S. No. 49, No. 237 East Thirty-seventh street. Opened this morning for Grammar Girls and Primary Boys and Girls.

It may be possible to open the Grammar Boys' Department on Wednesday or Thursday next, it depending altogether on the sanitary work, upon which Contractor Johnson reports that he has received no money from the Comptroller.

P. S. No. 43, No. 599 East One Hundred and Fortieth street.

The average attendance for the year 1895 for the above schools, from which children have been excluded, is about 3,300, the largest number being at G. S. No. 37, Nos. 113–119 East Eighty-seventh street, Peter N. Phillips, Contractor, New Annex, etc.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Placed on file.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM—5.

The minutes of the meeting held September 21st, as printed, were approved.

G. S. 34, Annex.—The Superintendent submitted the plans for an annex to Grammar School No. 34, which were approved.

G. S. No. 31.—From Frank Bergan, resigning the position of Janitor to which he was recently appointed.

Placed on file.

The following communication was received from the City Superintendent:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
September 30th, 1896.

JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Esq.,
Chairman, Committee on Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—From statistics obtained from the Principals of the several schools I find that there is need for additional school accommodations in different parts of the city.

According to the best of my judgment immediate provision should be made for applicants in the following localities, which, for convenience of description, I have arranged by wards:

Ward 7, near Grammar School No. 2.

Ward 10, three localities, near Grammar School No. 7, near Grammar School No. 20, and near Grammar School No. 75.

Ward 11, between Grammar School No. 22 and Grammar School No. 88.

Ward 12 (East Side), two localities, between Primary School No. 42 and Primary School No. 9, and between Grammar School No. 83 and Grammar School No. 39.

Ward 12 (West Side), between Grammar School No. 93 and Grammar School No. 54.

Ward 13, two locations, between Grammar School No. 4 and Grammar School No. 34, and between Grammar School No. 92 and Primary School No. 20.

Ward 17, between Grammar School No. 13 and Grammar School No. 97.

Ward 19, two locations. In the neighborhood of Grammar School No. 82, and between Grammar School No. 77 and Grammar School No. 96.

Ward 22, in the neighborhood of Grammar School No. 94.

Ward 23, two locations. In the neighborhood of Primary Department No. 60, and in the neighborhood of Grammar School No. 90.

Future reports may cause me to add to the list given above.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a form of advertisement to be inserted in the newspapers soliciting offers for leasing of premises for school purposes, and moved that it be inserted in the following named papers: *New York Herald, The Journal, N. Y. Times, The World, The Tribune, The Sun, The Staats Zeitung, The Press, Morning Advertiser, City Record, Evening Post, Mail and Express, Commercial Advertiser, Evening Telegram, The Recorder* and *Daily News.*

Approved and adopted.

The SUPERINTENDENT submitted a report showing the need of additional accommodation in his Draughting Department.

Ordered, That said communication be submitted to the Board

of Education, together with a report from the Committee recommending that the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be again called to the needs of this Board for room to properly conduct its business, and that said communication and report be printed in full in theminutes of the Board of Education.

Adopted.

From the Board of School Inspectors for the 30th District, with reference to the lack of school accommodation, and asking that provision be made for the accommodation of about 1,000 children.

Placed on file as provision for accommodation was included in recommendations of City Superintendent.

The City Superintendent appeared before the Committee and recommended that Primary furniture be transferred from Grammar School No. 37 and fitted up in the gymnasium of Grammar School No. 6, for temporary use of Grammar School No. 37.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the recommendation of the City Superintendent be adopted and the Superintendent of School Buildings is hereby directed to make said transfer of furniture.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the lease of the premises located on the corner of Ninety-Ninth street and Second avenue expired October 1st, but pending negotiations for a renewal of the same, the owner, Mr. Jacob Ruppert, had agreed to let the matter stand in abeyance without prejudice until an agreement could be arrived at.

The consideration of the matter was laid over until such time as Commissioner Adams shall have consulted with Mr. Ruppert and reports to this Committee.

From the residents of Woodlawn relative to the appointment of John S. McDowell, to the position of Janitor of Primary School No. 78, placed on file, there being no vacancy.

The Committee opened proposals for erecting a new school building on the site Union avenue near One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, as follows:

Thomas Cockerill & Son	$124,900 00
John F Johnson	129,749 00
Thomas Dwyer	125,974 00
Luke A. Burke	127,000 00

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the contract be awarded to Thomas Cockerill & Son, the lowest bidder, for the sum of $124,900, and that the Board be requested to make the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be submitted to the Board approving the action of the late George B. Riggins, contractor, in assigning the following named payments due on contracts, to the Eleventh Ward Bank:

Primary School Building No. 1	$525 00
Grammar School Building No. 22	493 00
Primary School Building No. 40	391 00

Said assignments having been made by Mr. Riggins to enable him to complete his contracts.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT offered the following:

Resolved, That all Janitors, who, in the reports of the different Principals, made October 1st, have been marked other than excellent, shall be called before this Committee, and notified to bring with them a letter stating reasons why they were not marked excellent.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT was appointed a Sub-Committee to investigate the case of Janitors who had not been marked excellent.

A communication was received from the Clerk, notifying the Board that lease of premises No. 160 Elm street, used as an annex to the Hall of the Board, will expire on February 1st, 1897, rent $1,700.

Placed on file and to be kept on the schedule.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to inquire of the owner of the premises occupied by Primary School No. 19 at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, if there is any possibility of renewing the lease of said premises, which will expire on February 1, 1897.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Clerk of this Board furnish this Committee, at its next meeting, with a memorandum of leases which will expire before February 1st, 1897.

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board granting Mr. C. B. J. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, a leave of absence for six weeks with full pay.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent calling the attention of the Committee to the fact that in quite a number of school buildings it has been customary to provide a room in which the Janitor's help has slept, and to-day these rooms remain in use although the Janitors themselves are obliged to remove from the school buildings, and asking for instructions as to whether or not this shall be permitted.

Ordered on file.

Commissioner HURLBUT was appointed a Sub-Committee to take into consideration the delinquencies of Janitors.

The Superintendent reports that he would nominate to the

Board of Education, for appointment as Janitors, the following named applicants:

John Joseph Malone, Grammar School No. 31.
John R. Metzger, Primary School No. 10.

The Superintendent recommended that rule 16 of regulations governing the duties of Janitors be amended as follows:

Insert in the second line between the word "at" and figure "8," the following words: "not later than".

Referred to City Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from the Superintendent calling the attention of the Committee to the fact that there are several meeting rooms for Inspectors in which repairs have been completed, but no decision as yet has been reached as to the furniture.

Ordered, That the Inspectors' rooms be furnished with a table to cost $14; Linoleum; closet, $14; 7 chairs, $13.13.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that on April 17, 1895 (Jol. pp. 473, 521), the Board of Education authorized the Trustees of the Fourth Ward to advertise for proposals for erecting a new school building, consisting of three Departments, Male Grammar, Female Grammar and Mixed Primary, on the site at Oliver, Henry and Catherine streets. The plans for the building are now completed.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board authorizing this Committee to advertise for proposals for erecting the building in question.

From Miss Ellen C. Gilbert, Principal of Primary School No. 48, calling attention of the Committee to amount due the Janitor for rent of premises from September 1st to December 31, 1895, or 4 months at $16 per month = $64.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the Janitor of Primary School No. 48 be paid the sum of $64 for rent of premises from September 1st to December 31, 1895.

The Superintendent submitted a bill of Mrs. Emma Meyer for services as Acting Janitrix of Grammar School No. 42, from September 1 to 17, 1896, inclusive, $73.66; also for rent due on August pay roll, $23.

The Superintendent reported, that Mrs. Meyer was authorized to take charge of the building until September 1st, and as no Janitor had been appointed at that time, she still remained in charge until the evening of September 17th when the newly appointed Janitor was put in possession of the building.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to recommend to the Board that the claim, amounting to $96.66, be paid.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the premises adjoining Grammar School No. 32 have been vacated, and if allowed to lapse to the Comptroller, the City will receive but about $10 per month rent, whereas if the building, which is a three-story English basement house, be used for school purposes, the Janitor can take possession of the lowest part at once, thus saving the $299 per year allowed for apartments outside the school building, and the upper part can be fitted up for teachers' dressing rooms, etc.

Ordered, That the recommendation of the Superintendent be concurred in.

The Superintendent presented a bill of Benjamin T. Lee for services as Acting Janitor of Primary School No. 3, from July 1 to September 18, 1896, amounting to $331.20.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Lee has had charge of the building since the death of the Janitress, Mrs. Emma Lee, but has received no money for his services since July 1st and is entitled to pay up to and including Sept. 18, 1896, the date Bernard Byrne, the lately appointed Janitor, was put in charge; also to the extra one-thirteenth for cleaning, the total sum of $331.20.

Ordered, To recommended to the Board that the bill be paid.

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The Superintendent suggested that the rules regulating the duties of Janitors be sent to the District Inspectors.

Approved.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board authorizing the committee to readvertise in the *City Record* for proposals for alterations, etc., to Janitors apartments of Grammar Schools Nos. 8, 82 and Primary Schools Nos. 8, 11, 12 and 17.

The Superintendent reported why the surveys used in condemnation proceedings cannot be used for building purposes as well; copies used for both purposes were submitted.

The Committee decided that the explanation made by the the Superintendent was satisfactory.

In the matter of preparing specifications for Pianos, the Committee decided that "concealed wrest planks" be inserted and that the pianos be advertised for at once.

The Superintendent reported that he visited the new school building One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Madison avenue, this morning, and found that there were but twelve painters at work when there should have been double that number. The door sills and work on front doors, not yet started, and in fact general delay throughout the building, submitting copy of a letter dated Sept. 26th which he had sent the contractors, Wood & Tolmie, and recommending that a formal notice be sent to the contractors, that unless they proceed promptly with the work the Committee will take measures to cancel their contract.

The letter which the Superintendent sent Wood & Tolmie under date of September 26th, 1896, was approved.

A certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Sept. 23, 1896, granting the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New York the use, until further order of said Commissioners, of the room in the second floor of Center Market back of the Court room, also requiring

said association to vacate Essex Market on or before November 1, 1896.

Ordered, That said document be presented to the Board and printed in full in the minutes.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent:

NEW YORK, *September* 24th, 1896.

Hon. JOSEPH J. LITTLE,
Chairman, Committee on Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—In reference to a new school building on the Essex Market site, would say that a five-story fire-proof building covering the whole plot would cost from $260,000 to $290,000. It would require from six to eight weeks to prepare the plans and specification, provided we met with no delay at the Building Department, and the building could be erected by a first-class contractor in from twelve to fifteen months.

It would be possible to so arrange the present structure as to leave the children in the westerly half while the easterly half was being torn down and that portion of the new building erected and finished, when it could be occupied. The balance of the old structure could then be removed and the new structure completed.

G. S. No. 5, One Hundred and Forty street and Edgecombe avenue, contains forty-eight classrooms and covers an area of 14,320 square feet, the main building being from 54 to 60 feet in depth.

The Essex Market site is 82x175 feet, equalling 14,350 square feet. Of this, a central portion of about 22x115 feet is virtually useless on the second and third floors, owing to the fact that we cannot throw light into a building more than one and a half times the height of a window, really, for a school, about 25 to 26 feet.

I do not believe that a new building on this site could be made to contain more than forty-one classrooms, being thirteen on the second and third floors and fifteen on the fourth, the two extra

rooms on the latter floor being obtained by the utilization of the central space in the Assembly Room, caused by the building being greater in width than the ordinary school buildings.

In reference to altering the old building, plans are all completed and have been approved by the Department of Buildings. We could probably get ready and print specifications and plans so that the work could be advertised in a week or ten days. The cost of the proposed alterations will be about $70,000, and will give thirteen classrooms on the second floor and fifteen on the third, a total of twenty-eight classrooms, which allowing sixty children each, will furnish accommodations for sixteen hundred and eighty (1,680). These alterations could be completed within seven months by a good contractor, and could be carried out one half at a time, to somewhat better advantage than proposed for the new structure, owing to the non-removal of roof, walls and and foundations.

I have heard it said that no necessity exists for a *Grammar* School upon this site, as there is one about to be erected on the southerly side of Rivington, between Forsyth and Eldridge streets, being three blocks north and three blocks west; also one on the north side of Hester street, between Orchard and Ludlow, being one block west. These buildings will replace the present G. S. Nos. 20 and 42.

One of our Inspectors has just brought to my attention a rumor that the new East River Bridge will affect this neighborhood, and I have sent down to the Department of Public Works for information.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Superintendent, in explanation of the last paragraph of his letter, submitted a sketch showing the proposed route of the bridge and its approaches, one of which passed directly through the Essex Market building.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that inasmuch as it appears

that there is a possibility that, within ten years, Essex Market will be spoiled by the approaches to the East River Bridge, that the Committee ask the Board for authority to advertise for proposals for altering the premises for P. S. No. 37.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Deputy Comptroller, dated Sept. 30th, addressed to the Superintendent, in which he states that all School-house Bonds, authorized up to date and unsold, will be included in the next bond sale, which will be held in the early part of November.

Placed on file.

From P. J. Walsh, contractor, in reference to his inability to obtain money from the Comptroller, on vouchers signed by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Placed on file.

Complaint of Geo. W. Thatcher, Janitor Grammar School No. 72, complaining of eels stopping up the pipes. Referred to the Superintendent to communicate with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Andrews Manufacturing Co., with reference to their contracts for the new school-house on Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.

Placed on file, and notify the Company that the Committee is willing to consent to their making an assignment of payment when due, in order that they may be enabled to procnre funds for completion of their work.

From the Superintendent submitting a letter from Patrick Sullivan, asking to withdraw his bid of $50 (appropriation No. 22), for repairing rolling blinds, etc., at Grammar School No. 19, stating that the work consists of repairing flexible rolling shutters, which he cannot do.

The Superintendent recommended that the appropriation be increased $49, and the second lowest bid be accepted.

Adopted.

The Superintendent presented the plans for improving the lot adjoining and premises of Grammar School No. 2, which was approved, and a resolution to be presented to the Board authorizing the Committee to advertise for proposals for making said improvements.

G. S. No. 2.—The Committee amended the specifications of contract made with this Committee and Mahony Bros., contractors, for work at Grammar School No. 2, as follows:

"That in lieu of painting interior of window sash two coats as called for in specification, the said parties of the second part paint exterior of sash two coats of paint as directed."

A communication was received from Raritan Hollow and Porous Brick Co. notifying the Superintendent of School Buildings that it will be impossible, in future, for them to supply vitrified bricks which they have been making for interior use in the different schools.

Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for erecting the new school buildings on St. Ann's avenue and Anthony avenue, submitted a second quality of enameled brick which he proposed to substitute for the brick for interior use.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that Mr. Walsh be notified that the Committee will consent to the substitution of perfect white enameled brick of first class make, at no additional cost.

Adopted.

The Superintendent requested that the authority for Inspectors of the Building Department to incur expenditures of $10 or less, for emergency repairs, be extended to November 1st, 1896.

Granted.

G. S. No. 94.—From John Law, contractor, for repairs on Grammar School No. 94, proposing to make alterations, etc., in the school at an expense of $200.

Approved and to be paid from the appropriation "Special Alterations to Janitor's Apartments."

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had made the following-named appropriations from the Buildings Contingent Fund, under authority given by resolution of the Board of Education (Jol. 1896, pp. 760, 788):

No. 157—G. S. No. 73.—Repairing engine,	$15 00
No. 158—P. S. No. 28.—Rear wall work,	75 00
No. 159—G. S. No. 85.—Fence work,	35 00
No. 162—G. S. No. 96.—Steam chest, etc.,	27 50
No. 163—G. S. No. 76.—Repairs to and cleaning engine,	15 00
No. 164—G. S. No. 14.—Six chairs,	11 25
No. 165—P. S. No. 11.—Stone work on urinal,	12 50
No. 166—G. S. No. 65.—Embankment work,	160 00
No. 167—P. S. No. 26.—Sink and drainer,	62 00
Total,	$413 25

Approved.

The Superintendent requested that appropriations be made from the Buildings Contingent Fund, for emergencies, as follows:

No. 168 -P. S. No. 14.—Pay George H. Copper, putting in meters, etc.,	$13 25
No. 169—G. S. No. 53. - Pay Chesebro, Whitman & Co., for new scuttle to roof,	18 00
No. 170—P. S. No. 36.—Pay John Byrnes, for cleaning waste pipes,	1 68
No. 171—P. S. No. 36.—Pay P. Greene, for repairing pupils' closet,	2 85
No. 172—P. S. No. 25.—Metal ceilings,	600 00
Total,	$635 78

Approved.

The following named appropriations were made:

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

No. 4—G. S. No. 10.—Wall closets,	$90 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES, ETC.

No. 115—P. S. No. 24,	$188.00	No. 118—G. S. No. 64,	$145.00
No. 116—G. S. No. 61,	210.00	No. 119—P. S. No. 46,	75.00
No. 117—G. S. No. 63,	125.00	No. 120—P. S. No. 48,	15.00
		Total, . . .	$758 00

On recommendation of the Superintendent, the following-named appropriations were made from the Fund entitled, "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs," viz.:

No. 109—P. S. No. 43.—Pay F. Pusemann, sign, .	$9 00
No. 110—G. S. No. 14.—Police Dept., Testing boiler,	2 00
No. 111—G. S. No. 77.— " " " "	2 00
No. 112—G. S. No. 82.— " " " "	2 00
No. 113—G. S. No. 1.—Blinds, etc., ...	21 50
No. 114—G. S. No. 2.—Repairing water closet, . .	28 75
No. 115—G. S. No. 2.— " furniture, . .	120 00
No. 116—G. S. No. 3.—Venetian blinds, . . .	81 50
No. 117—G. S. No. 3.—Teachers' water closet, . .	30 00
No. 118—G. S. No. 4.—Blinds and furniture, . .	110 00
No. 119—G. S. No. 4.—Sanitary repairs, . . .	35 00
No. 120—G. S. No. 5.—Repairing closet seats, . .	17 00
No. 121—G. S. No. 13.—Repairs, ...	50 00
No. 122—G. S. No. 13.—Boiler tubes, . . .	13 00
No. 123—G. S. No. 14.—Venetian blinds, . . .	53 50
No. 124—G. S. No. 18.— " " . . .	55 00
No. 125—G. S. No. 20.—Furniture repairs, . .	70 00
No. 126—G. S. No. 21.— " " . . .	147 00
No. 127—G. S. No. 22.—Blinds, etc., ...	107 83
No. 128—G. S. No. 22.—Repairs, etc., . . .	19 50
No. 129—G. S. No. 23.—Boiler tube, ...	15 00
No. 130—G. S. No. 35.—Blinds, etc., ...	59 75
No. 131—G. S. No. 35.—Chairs, ...	20 00
No. 132—G. S. No. 36.—Plumbing, etc., . . .	18 00
No. 133—G. S. No. 36.—Roofs and glass, . . .	46 00
No. 134—G. S. No. 36.—Felt risers, ...	10 00
No. 135—G. S. No. 39.—Blinds and clocks, . .	64 85
No. 136—G. S. No. 40.—Repairs, etc., . . .	21 25

No. 137—G. S. No. 41.—Brickwork,	$60 00
No. 138—G. S. No. 43.—Sanitary work,	144 00
No. 139—G. S. No. 45.—Sashes,	100 00
No. 140—G. S. No. 48.—Furniture repairs,	15 00
No. 141—G. S. No. 48.—Repairs,	68 00
No. 142—G. S. No. 49.—Venetian blinds, etc.,	60 25
No. 143—G. S. No. 50.— " "	37 00
No. 144—G. S. No. 50.—Repairs,	30 00
No. 145—G. S. No. 51.—Roofwork,	35 00
No. 146—G. S. No. 54.—Glazing, whitewashing, etc.,	75 00
No. 147—G. S. No. 54.—Repair closets,	16 00
No. 148—G. S. No. 62.—Repairs,	75 00
No. 149—G. S. No. 64.— "	180 00
No. 150—G. S. No. 69.—Furniture repairs,	30 00
No. 151—G. S. No. 70.—Blinds,	41 55
No. 152—G. S. No. 72.—Sanitary repairs,	40 00
No. 153—G. S. No. 73.—Sash cords and glazing,	22 50
No. 154—G. S. No. 77.—Roofwork,	70 00
No. 155—G. S. No. 84.—Sanitary repairs,	20 00
No. 156—G. S. No. 88.—Repairs and glazing,	18 00
No. 157—G. S. No. 93.—Venetian blinds,	27 50
No. 158—G. S. No. 94.—Shades,	92 25
No. 159—P. S. No. 5.—Repairs,	94 00
No. 160—P. S. No. 12.—Repairs,	16 50
No. 161—P. S. No. 19.—Shades, etc.,	11 55
No. 162—P. S. No. 21.—Glazing, etc.,	24 50
No. 163—P. S. No. 21.—Rear walls, etc.,	57 00
No. 164—P. S. No 23.—Repairs,	40 00
No. 165—P. S. No. 40.—Furniture and repairs,	18 00
No. 166—P. S. No. 41.—Venetian blinds,	40 00
No. 167—P. S. No. 47.—Cleaning and disinfecting vault,	25 00
No. 168—G. S. No. 102.—Repairs, etc., to closets,	38 00
No. 169—G. S. No. 99.—Clean and disinfect vaults,	40 00
No. 170—G. S. No. 102.— " " "	20 00
No. 171—P. S. No. 32.— " " "	40 00
No. 172—P. S. No. 33.— " " "	40 00
Total,	$2,991 03

From Blake and Williams, contractors for heating apparatus work on new school building on Eighty-Eighth street between Second and Third avenues, requesting that the final paymen ton their contract be divided so as to provide for an immediate payment of $3,000, the balance $679.50 to remain as a final payment.

Approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the specifications for improving the new lot adjoining and premises of Primary Department Grammar School No. 60.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

An extension of time for the completion of the following-named contracts was granted:

G. S. No. 17—Zimdars & Hunt.—Electric lighting; dated June 26, 1896; extended to September 18, 1896.

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G. S. No. 46—Mahony Bros.—Repairs, etc.; dated July 18, 1896; extended to September 28, 1896.

G. S. No. 59—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture; dated July 17, 1895; extended to August 27, 1896.

G. S. No. 66—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture, item No. 1; dated July 5, 1895; extended to August 24, 1896.

G. S. No. 74—Alfred Nugent & Son.—Sanitary; dated May 28, 1896; extended to September 29, 1896.

G. S. No. 77—Tolmie & Luyster.—Sanitary; dated June 2, 1896; extended to September 28, 1896.

G. S. No. 92 and P. S. No. 10—Standard Underground Cable Co.—Fire alarm connections; dated June 30, 1896; extended to September 12, 1896.

P. S. No. 8—Tolmie & Luyster.—Repairs, etc.; dated May 11, 1896; extended to September 23, 1896.

P. S. No. 10—Alfred Nugent & Son.—Sanitary; dated June 24, 1896; extended to September 16, 1896.

P. S. No. 16—Alfred Nugent & Son.—Sanitary; dated July 15, 1896; extended to September 24, 1896.

P. S. No. 34—Tolmie & Luyster.—Sanitary; dated May 11, 1896; extended to September 28, 1896.

One Hundred and Seventeenth Street and St. Nicholas Avenue—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture, item No. 1; dated July 5, 1895; extended to April 14, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final payments on contracts:

G. S. No. 14.—Richmond School Furniture Co—Furniture	$700 00
G. S. No. 17—Zindars and Hunt—Electric lighting	649 00
G. S. No. 38—Alfred Nugent & Son—Sanitary	897 00
G. S. No. 45—William Horne—Sanitary	260 00
G. S. No. 46—Mahony Bros.—Repairs, etc.	340 00
G. S. No. 54—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture, Item 1	245 00
G. S. No. 59—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture	100 00
G. S. No. 66—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture Item 1	160 00
G. S. No. 73—Richmond School Furniture Co.—Furniture	297 00
G. S. No. 74—Alfred Nugent & Son—Sanitary	2,000 00
G. S. No. 77—Tolmie & Luyster—Sanitary	1,360 00
G. S. No. 86—Hartman & Horgan—Sanitary	1,250 00
G. S. No. 92 and P. S. No. 10—Standard Underground Cable Co.—Fire alarm connection.	491 77
G. S. No. 101—Baker, Smith & Co.—Heating apparatus	789 00
P. S. No. 8—Tolmie & Luyster—Repairs	850 00

From Blake and Williams, contractors for heating apparatus work on new school building on Eighty-Eighth street between Second and Third avenues, requesting that the final paymen ton their contract be divided so as to provide for an immediate payment of $3,000, the balance $679.50 to remain as a final payment.

Approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the specifications for improving the new lot adjoining and premises of Primary Department Grammar School No. 60.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

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G. S. No. 101—Baker, Smith & Co.—Heating apparatus	789 00
P. S. No. 8—Tolmie & Luyster—Repairs	850 00

P. S. No. 10—Alfred Nugent & Son—Sanitary . .	$759 00
P. S. No. 16—Alfred Nugent & Son—Sanitary . .	968 00
P. S. No. 34—Tolmie & Luyster—Sanitary . .	1,045 00
One Hundred and Seventeenth street & St. Nicholas Avenue.—Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture Item 1	198 00
179 & 181 E. One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street —Andrews Manufacturing Co.—Furniture, Item 1	140 00
United States Flags—M. Magee & Son—Flags . .	39 00

The Superintendent presented a bill from Francis W. Ford for a building survey of premises No. 832 E. One Hundred and Sixty-third street, dated Aug. 17, 1896, amounting to $15.

Ordered, to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid from the Bond account.

G. S. No. 87.—From Edward H. Boyer, Principal, for permission to drill the boys of his school in the drill-room, from three o'clock to four o'clock daily except on Friday of each week; also to use the drill-room one evening in each week for the purpose of training the officers. Referred to the City Superintendent.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT, PRENTISS and WEHRUM, 5.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the minutes of the meeting held September 14, 1896, be corrected on page 239, fourth line from bottom of the page by striking out "Mrs." and inserting in lieu thereof "Miss."

Adopted.

Commissioner WEHRUM moved to correct the minutes of the meeting held August 19th, page 217, by striking out after appropriation No. 12 the figures "75.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "73.00."

Adopted.

P. S. No. 41.—From Miss Mary E. O'Keefe, Principal, requesting that Miss Mary Gormley be retained in her position as Janitrix.

Laid over.

Report from the Superintendent with reference to amending Rule No. 16, regulating duties of Janitors.

Laid over for report from the City Superintendent.

G. S. No. 37—ANNEX.—Matter of Peter N. Phillips, contractor.

Laid over, awaiting decision of Counsel to the Corporation.

G. S. No. 87.—From Edward H. Boyer, Principal, with reference to the use of oil, etc., on the floors of the building.

Laid over.

P. S. No. 9.—Matter of rehiring the premises corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue.

Commissioner ADAMS reported progress.

G. S. No. 99.—From the Janitor with reference to modifying rule No. 16 defining duties of Janitors.

Referred to the Superintendent to modify the rule especially in the case of this school.

P. S. No. 32.—From Mrs. Sarah Russell resigning her position as Janitrix.

Laid over.

The Superintendent reported that at the next session of the Board he would recommend the following removals, transfers and appointment of Janitors:

G. S. No. 76.—Edgar B. Odell, removed.

G. S. No. 61.—Transfer Patrick Barry from Grammar School No. 24, *vice* John Weber, resigned.

G. S. No. 24.—Appoint Thomas F. Hughes, *vice* Barry, transferred.

The Committee decided that the names of the Commissioners on the tablets to be placed in new school buildings should be arranged alphabetically.

From the Chairman of the Finance Committee, requesting a statement as to amount of money from Bond account which will be required to pay the wages of Inspectors and Draughtsmen.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From the Clerk of the Board, in compliance with the resolution adopted October 2d, submitting a statement of leases which will expire on or before February 1, 1897, as follows:

160 Elm street, Annex Board of Education. Rent, $1,700. Expires February 1, 1897.

One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, near Tenth avenue, Annex G. S. No. 46. Rent, $2,800. Expires October 6, 1896.

Webster avenue, Annex G. S. No. 64. Rent, $780. Expires January 1, 1897.

One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, near Eighth avenue, P. S. No. 19. Rent, $4,000 and Croton tax. Expires February 1, 1897.

Ninety-ninth street, cor. Second avenue, P. S. No. 9. Rent, $3,800. Expired October 1, 1896.

Ordered, That said statement be submitted to the City Superintendent for a report as to the necessity of rehiring the premises in question.

G. S. No. 101.—Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the proposal of James J. Harper, made August 19, for making alterations, repairs, etc., at Grammar School No. 101, amounting to $4,645, which was laid over August 19th, be rejected, it being the only proposal received.

Adopted.

The matter of providing for the tuning, etc., of pianos when required was referred to the Superintendent.

On recommendation af the Superintendent, the following-named appropriations were made:

PLACING FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH WIRES IN THE SUBWAYS.

No.	1. G. S. No. 3,	$245.20	No.	13. G. S. No. 56,	$120.41
"	2. G. S. No. 7,	137.50	"	14. G. S. No. 83,	385.00
"	3. G. S. No. 8,	448.49	"	15. G. S. No. 95,	137.50
"	4. G. S. No. 9, Repairs, etc.,	12.50	"	16. P. S. No. 5,	494.10
"	5. G. S. No. 10,	137.50	"	17. P. S. No. 7,	290.75
"	6. G. S. No. 14,	615.00	"	18. P. S. No. 14,	325.00
"	7. G. S. No. 37,	439.78	"	19. P. S. No. 21,	790.00
"	8. G. S. No. 33,	360.00	"	20. P. S. No. 27,	383.24
"	9. G. S. No. 39,	224.50	"	21. P. S. No. 37,	137.50
"	10. G. S. No. 50,	568.32	"	22. New Building 88th st.,	571.00
"	11. G. S. No. 54,	177.50	"	23. New Bldg., 119th st.,	561.97
"	12. G. S. No. 55,	581.00			
	Total				$8,143.76

INCIDENTAL WARD SCHOOL REPAIRS.

No. 173—G. S. No. 32.—Glazing, etc., . .	$15.00
" 174—G. S. No. 10—Furniture Repairs, . .	36.00
" 175—G. S. No. 28—Closet Repairs, . . .	18.00
Total . . .	$69.00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

No. 173—G. S. No. 70.—Sanitary Repairs, . .	$250.00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF

No. 141—G. S. No. 4.—Heating, etc., . . .	160.00

Commissioner WEHRUM moved that the Superintendent prepare a letter recognizing the services rendered by Sylvester Gougherty, late Janitor of Grammar School No. 1.

Adopted.

A report from the Committee to the Board of Education giving the action taken by the Committee in reference to advertising for temporary school buildings, was signed.

The following communication was received from the City Superintendent:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *October* 1, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

After a careful inquiry into the need for additional school accommodation in various parts of the city, I would recommend that new buildings be erected (in the order indicated) upon the following sites already acquired by the city for school purposes. The matter of the capacity and the arrangement of such buildings is at present under consideration; and the suggestions herewith given may be subject to future changes.

1. New site, Forsyth, Rivington and Eldridge streets, 100x200 feet.

To take the place of Grammar School No. 20—not less than 48 classrooms, with roof playground.

2. Grammar School No 2, Annex, Madison and Henry streets,
76x100 feet,
25x100 feet.

To take the place of the old annex on east end of the present building, both the new buildings to contain not less than 21 classrooms.

3. New site for G. S. No. 12, East Broadway, Scammel, Henry and Gouverneur streets. Plot irregular, 163x133 feet.

To take the place of old Grammar School No. 12, and to contain not less than 42 classrooms.

4. New site for G. S. No. 40, East Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, 116x92 feet, 37x92 feet.

To take the place of Grammar School No. 40 and of Primary School No. 29, and to contain not less than 36 classrooms.

5. New site, One Hundred and Forty-first street and Brook avenue, 125x225 feet.

A new school, to include pupils at present in Annex to G. S. No. 85 and others, and to contain not less than 24 classrooms.

6. Grammar School No. 91, four lots on Ogden avenue, 100x150 feet.

An Annex to be constructed to G. S. No. 91, and to contain not less than 12 classrooms.

7. Annex, P. S. No. 33, Fox, Simpson and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh streets.

Owing to the character of the site, extensive excavations will be necessary, and such work can be begun at the time of the next Summer vacation. In regard to the style and capacity of building will report at a future date.

8. G. S. No. 3, Annex, corner Grove and Bedford streets, 59x68 feet.

In the case of the Annex to G. S. No. 3, the building should be constructed with a view to the proper accommodation of a number of pupils equal to the number at present on register in

the school. For others in excess of that number there are sittings now vacant in Primary School No. 7, Grammar School No. 16 and Grammar School No. 8.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent.

Ordered, That said communication be printed in full in the Minutes.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners LITTLE, HURLBUT, ADAMS and PRENTISS—4.

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Commissioner HURLBUT acted as temporary Chairman.

G. S. No. 102.—Commissioner PEASLEE appeared before the Committee and urged the necessity of providing a means for weighing coal when delivered to Grammar School No. 102 at City Island.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings, when preparing to re-advertise for proposals for erecting a new building for the school in question, provide in the specifications and plans, for an apparatus and quarters for weighing coal to be placed in the building.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 9.—Commissioner ADAMS reported that the owner of the premises corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue, Jacob Ruppert, occupied by P. S. No. 9, the lease of which did expire on October 1st, had finally agreed to renew the lease of the premises, for three years, at an annual rental of $4,200—being an increase of $400 per annum in the rental, and which he considered the best terms upon which the premises, which it was very necessary for this Board to continue in possession of, could be hired, and moved that the proposition be accepted.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 76.—The Superintendent reported that he would recommend to the Board the removal of Mr. Edgar B. Odell,

Janitor G. S. No. 76, and nominate Mr. David H. Pierce for the position.

Concurred in.

The Superintendent presented a draft of a report to be presented to the Board by the Committee, giving statement of number of propositions received under the Committee's advertisement in the public newspapers, for terms on which buildings, etc., could be leased, temporarily, for school purposes, which was signed by the Committee.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from L. C. King, No. 171 Front street, to rent the building and rear commencing at a point on north side of One Hundred and Second street, distant 76 feet west of northwest corner of First avenue and One Hundred and Second street, for a term of five years, at an annual rental of $1,800, or $1,200 on quarterly payments; the premises to be finished by him suitable for school purposes, provided the alterations will not exceed the cost of $4,000.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board leasing the premises in question for a term not exceeding five years on the terms proposed, provided the owner can secure the consent of the Building Department, to use the premises in question for school purposes.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the premises on south side of Sixty-eighth street between the Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue, 100 feet west of the Boulevard, some five years ago used as a temporary school, could be leased at an annual rental of $800 —with light, heat and keeping the roof in good order.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board, leasing the premises in question for one year on the terms proposed.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS and HURLBUT—3.

The minutes of the meetings held October 2d and 5th were amended as follows:

In bottom line of page 255, strike out the figures "78" and insert "18."

On page 274, appropriation No. 141, insert after the figure "4" the word "Annex."

The minutes of the meetings held October 2d and 5th as printed and amended were then approved.

P. S. No. 41.—Consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitor was again laid over.

The matter of amending Rule No. 16, regulating the duties of Janitors, was laid on the table.

G. S. No. 37, Annex.—Matter of Peter N. Phillips, contractor. Laid over, awaiting the decision of the counsel to the corporation.

G. S. No. 87.—From Edward H. Boyer, Principal male department, in reference to using oil, etc., on the floors of the building.

Referred to the Superintendent for report as to the advisability of using oil on playroom floors.

P. S. No. 32.—From Mrs. Sarah Russell, resigning her position as Janitrix.

The CHAIRMAN reported that Mrs. Russell had withdrawn her resignation.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that this committee hereby consent to Mrs. Russell withdrawing her resignation.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, recommending that inasmuch as the work at Grammar School No. 32, at Thirty-fifth street and Ninth avenue, is substantially completed, the services of Mr. James Coar, Inspector, be dispensed with from the 14th inst.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the services of Mr. James Coar, Inspector, be dispensed with from the 14th inst.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a list of buildings offered for rental for temporary school accommodations.

Referred to the City Superintendent for a report as to the suitableness of locations for temporary school accommodations.

ADJUSTABLE DESKS AND SEATS.—The Superintendent submitted a report stating that "not being able to obtain anything "suitable for our pupose from the various furniture manufac- "turers, we have designed a new sitting, which we think solves "the difficulty. Patterns have been made in wood and are now "in the foundry to have a sufficient number of castings made to "set up three complete desks and seats."

Placed on file.

G. S. No. 89.—From Wm. C. Valentine, Janitor, to be excused for absence on October 1st, said absence having been caused by personal illness.

Granted, with full pay.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DRAUGHTSMEN—The Superintendent presented a proposition from Mr. F. W. Sharp for rental of top loft Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, at a rental of $2,500 per annum, for one year, with the privilege of a renewal for an ad-

ditional year. Rent free until February 1st; owner to furnish heat, janitor's services, put in skylights, passenger elevator and make other alterations necessary to fit it for use of the Draughting Department.

Laid over until the next meeting for a report from the Superintendent as to the advisability of giving up the lease of the premises No. 166 Elm street, now used as an estimating room, and placing same in the new building.

From the Building Trades Section of Central Labor Union, appointing delegates to interview the committee with reference to janitors in schools doing mechanical work.

The Superintendent reported that this communication had been received by him from the President of the Board.

Ordered, That a letter be written President MACLAY asking if he acknowledged the receipt of this letter from the Buildings Trades Section, and what action he desires the Committee to take.

G. S. No. 61.—From John Weber, janitor, stating it is impossible for him to remain as janitor any longer than the 15th inst., for the reason that he is moving far away.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Superintendent notify Patrick Barry, who has been reported for transfer to the janitorship of this school, to take possession, and Thomas Hughes to take possession of Grammar School No. 24, subject to the nominations made to the Board of Education at its last session.

Adopted.

TEMPORARY SCHOOL, SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET, NEAR W. BOULEVARD—From Mr. William Bagley, offering his services to act as janitor of the building on Sixty-eight street, between the Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue, at a salary of $40 per month.

Laid over in order to ascertain whether Mr. Bagley will accept less salary.

From the Andrews Manufacturing Company, offering their

stock of about seventy-five (75) wall bookcases, closets with one panel door, in oak, of the kind as above described, delivered and set up in the school building as required, for $11.25 each, or will deliver them at our storehouse at $9.75 each. At the price $11.25, set up in the school buildings, they will carry them for the Board, filling the orders as received.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Andrews Manufacturing Company be offered ten dollars ($10) per case, put in place, they to deliver them to fill orders as received.

Adopted.

A number of bills incurred by the late Board of School Trustees of several wards from the Ward Incidental Account, in violation of Section 66 of the by-laws as amended April 1st, which required Trustees in incurring expenditures exceeding $25, to consult the Superintendent of School Buildings, were presented.

Referred to the Superintendent for examination and report.

Commissioner HURLBUT, acting Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had approved the following named specifications:

New School Building—One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Fulton avenue, October 9, 1896.

New School Building—St. Ann's avenue—Heating—October 12, 1896.

The action of the acting Chairman was approved.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board April 1st (Journal, pp. 447, 448), he had placed on duty October 5, 1896, Mr. F. H. Blackledge, Assistant Draughtsman, at a rate of wages of $25 per week, to be paid from the Bond Account, and asking that his action in the matter be approved.

The action of the Superintendent was approved, Mr. Blackledge to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

The Committee decided that the lease of premises on south side Sixth-eighth street, 100 feet west of the Boulevard, must be made to fit the facts, in reference to light, heat, roof repairs and occupancy.

From Golding & Whitehouse, No. 9 Pine street, offering to sell property on First and Second streets for school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Sites.

G. S. No. 17.—The Superintendent reported that he had received an application from Joseph Ackerson, Janitor, for leave of absence on Tuesday night and Wednesday, October 4th, on account of the death of his daughter.

Granted with full pay.

From the Committee on Sites submitting a recommendation from the Board of School Inspectors for the Second School Inspection District, submitting a report recommending the securing of the church at Market and Henry streets for school purposes, also for increased accommodation in the vicinity of G. S. Nos. 7 and 20.

Placed on file.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced on the Board giving the Committee power to advertise in the *City Record* for ten days for proposals for supplying National Flags as follows:

200 Post Flags, 46 Intermediate Flags and 150 Storm Flags.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted three bills of Francis W. Ford for Building Surveys, incurred by him:

No. 124 Henry street and 165 to 171 Madison street, Sept. 21, 1896	$55 00
Block bounded by E. Broadway, Henry, Scammel and Gouveneur streets, Sept. 24, 1896	75 00
Nos. 327 and 329 E. Nineteenth street, Nos. 310-320 E. Twentieth street and present site of old P. S. No. 28, Sept. 28, 1896	75 00
	$205 00

App. No.		
189.	P. S. No. 17.—Sept. 19, 1896, A. E. Appleton, Cleaning clock	$1 50
190.	P. S. No. 16.—Sept. 20, 1896, L. E. Atherton, Securing blackboard	2 00
191.	P. S. No. 33.—Sept. 25, 1896, M. Abbott's Sons, Flue brush	7 50
192.	P. S. No. 16.—Aug. 14, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning urinal	2 90
193.	G. S. No. 42.—July 30, 1896, John Byrns, Repairing syphon cistern	1 84
194.	G. S. No. 31.—Aug. 3, 1896, John Byrns, Girls' water closet	6 53
195.	G. S. No. 20.—Sept. 8, 1896, John Byrns, Wash basin	3 00
196.	P. S. No. 8.—Sept. 3, 1896, John Byrns, Traps on sink	4 90
197.	G. S. No. 34.—Sept. 18, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe, girls' water closet . .	2 57
198.	G. S. No. 34.—Sept. 21, 1896, John Byrns, Repair leak, boys' water closet	3 58
199.	G. S. No. 7.—Sept. 21, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	8 72
200.	P. S. No. 10.—Sept. 20, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	2 85
201.	G. S. No. 2.—Sept. 19, 1896, John Byrns, Fresh air grate	3 57
202.	G. S. No. 31.—Sept. 18, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	4 82
203.	P. S. No. 12.—Sept. 19, 1896, John Byrns, New faucet	2 64
204.	G. S. No. 50.—Sept. 18-25, 1896, Thomas Brady, Repairing flush pipe, etc.	5 70
205.	G. S. No. 80.—Aug. 31, 1896, J. C. Byrne, Repairing sliding doors	10 00
206.	G. S. No. 80.—Sept. 11, 1896, J. C. Byrne, Repairing wardrobe.	10 00

BUILDING'S CONTINGENT FUND.

No. 176. G. S. No. 16.—Bill of Albert Ravekes & Son, Aug. 1, 1896, moving furniture from G. S. No. 16, to the storehouse	$5 00
No. 177. P. S. No, 45.—Bill of Francis Druhe, July 14, cleaning vaults	14 49
No. 178. HALL OF THE BOARD.—Bill of P. Sullivan, Oct. 1, 1896, Platform on roof and repairs at hall	13 45
Total.	$32 94

Appropriations, recommended by the Superintendent, were made as follows:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

App. No.		
176.	G. S. No. 3.—Clocks and carpets	$17 90
177.	G. S. No. 25.—Plastering, glass, etc.	40 00
178.	G. S. No. 25.—Picture mouldings	15 00
179.	G. S. No. 40.—Venetian blinds, etc.	54 75
180.	G. S. No. 43.—Blackboards.	15 84
181.	G. S. No. 63, Annex.—Gas fitting, etc. . . .	35 00
182.	G. S. No. 78.—Repairs, glass, etc.	20 00
183.	G. S. No. 85.—Venetian blinds	49 40
184.	G. S. No. 89.—Furniture	95 50
185.	G. S. No. 92.—Venetian blinds and furniture .	98 75
186.	G. S. No. 93.—Gas fixtures	26 00
187.	P. S. No. 22.—Repairs, etc.	29 00
188.	P. S. No. 29.—Carpets and desks	78 00
	Total	$575 14

The following named appropriations were made from the account "Incidental Expenses Ward Schools—Repairs," on recommendation of the Superintendent, to pay the bills named, which were incurred by Inspectors in amounts not exceeding ten dollars ($10) for emergency work, small repairs (Minutes, pp. 212, 239, 240, 264):

App. No.		
189.	P. S. No. 17.—Sept. 19, 1896, A. E. Appleton, Cleaning clock	$1 50
190.	P. S. No. 16.—Sept. 20, 1896, L. E. Atherton, Securing blackboard	2 00
191.	P. S. No. 33.—Sept. 25, 1896, M. Abbott's Sons, Flue brush	7 50
192.	P. S. No. 16.—Aug. 14, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning urinal	2 90
193.	G. S. No. 42.—July 30, 1896, John Byrns, Repairing syphon cistern	1 84
194.	G. S. No. 31.—Aug. 3, 1896, John Byrns, Girls' water closet	6 53
195.	G. S. No. 20.—Sept. 8, 1896, John Byrns, Wash basin	3 00
196.	P. S. No. 8.—Sept. 3, 1896, John Byrns, Traps on sink	4 90
197.	G. S. No. 34.—Sept. 18, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe, girls' water closet	2 57
198.	G. S. No. 34.—Sept. 21, 1896, John Byrns, Repair leak, boys' water closet	3 58
199.	G. S. No. 7.—Sept. 21, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	8 72
200.	P. S. No. 10.—Sept. 20, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	2 85
201.	G. S. No. 2.—Sept. 19, 1896, John Byrns, Fresh air grate	3 57
202.	G. S. No. 31.—Sept. 18, 1896, John Byrns, Cleaning supply pipe	4 82
203.	P. S. No. 12.—Sept. 19, 1896, John Byrns, New faucet	2 64
204.	G. S. No. 50.—Sept. 18-25, 1896, Thomas Brady, Repairing flush pipe, etc.	5 70
205.	G. S. No. 80.—Aug. 31, 1896, J. C. Byrne, Repairing sliding doors	10 00
206.	G. S. No. 80.—Sept. 11, 1896, J. C. Byrne, Repairing wardrobe	10 00

App. No.		
207.	G. S. No. 51.—Aug. 14, 1896, John Buchanan, Street washer, etc.	$10 00
208.	G. S. No. 84.—Sept. 22, 1896, John Buchanan, Sanitary repairs, etc.	9 45
209.	G. S. No. 84.—Sept. 24, 1896, John Buchanan, Cleaning, etc., main drain	6 10
210.	P. S. No. 27.—Sept. 23, 1896, John Buchanan, Repairing leak, etc.	9 65
211.	G. S. No. 9.—Sept. 23, 1896, John Buchanan, Repairing tanks, etc.	8 70
212.	G. S. No. 94.—July 29, 1896, John Buchanan, Repairing leaks, etc.	5 90
213.	G. S. No. 58.—Aug. 28, 1896, John Buchanan, Cellar drainer, etc.	7 95
214.	G. S. No. 8.—Sept. 15, 1896, John W. Burgoyne, Repairing cistern valve	2 46
215.	P. S. No. 6.—Sept. 14, 1896, John W. Burgoyne, Repairing pump, etc.	9 38
216.	P. S. No. 24.—Sept. 14, 1896, John W. Burgoyne, Repairing rain leader, etc.	9 98
217.	G. S. No. 5.—Sept. 14, 1896, John W. Burgoyne, Faucet handles	7 85
218.	Storehouse, No. 322 East 20th St.—Aug. 14, 1896, Matthew J. Crowley, Cover for sidewalk shut-off	1 25
219.	G. S. 74.—Sept, 29, 1896, Matthew J. Crowley, Cleaning main supply pipe	5 50
220.	G. S. No. 31.—Sept. 10, 1896, Robert Coble, Glazing	4 00
221.	P. S. No. 29.—Sept. 2, 1896, T. J. Cummins, New wash basin, cleaning cistern, etc.	7 30
222.	P. S. No. 33.—Sept. 26, 1896, William Eppinger & Son, Repairing roof	5 00
223.	G. S. No. 10.—Sept. 10, 1896, Hyman Franklin, Glazing	4 25
224.	G. S. No. 12.—Sept. 24, 1896, F. A. Grueneberg, Tuning and cleaning piano, P. D.	9 00

App. No.		
225.	G. S. No. 53.—Sept. 2, 1896, P. Greene, Cleaning supply pipe	$4 71
226.	G. S. No. 13.—Sept. 4, 1896, P. Greene, Water supply pipe	9 76
227.	G. S. No. 59.—Sept. 15, 1896, P. Greene, Sanitary repairs	7 25
228.	G. S. No. 73.—Sept. 26, 1896, P. Greene, Repairing girls' water closet	4 13
229.	G. S. No. 83.—Sept. 17, 1896, P. Greene, Repairing Primary water closet	2 75
230.	G. S. No. 69.—Sept. 21, 1896, P. Greene, Repairing Primary water closet	2 75
231.	G. S. No. 70.—Sept. 25, 1896, P. Greene, Cleaning sewer pipe	5 03
232.	G. S. No. 38.—Sept. 29, 1896, P. Greene, Cleaning main drain, ...	9 15
233.	G. S. No. 47.—Sept. 10, 1896, A. O. Hansman, Picking locks, ...	2 25
234.	G. S. No. 91.—Sept. 9, 1896, Wm. Hudson, Cleaning and repairing clocks, ...	9 00
235.	G. S. No. 90.—Sept. 22-24, 1899, Wm. Hudson, Rearranging desks, etc., ...	10 00
236.	G. S. No. 90.—Sept. 10, 1896, Wm. Hudson, Moving piano, ...	2 00
237.	G. S. No. 63.—Sept. 12, 1896, Wm. Hudson, Bell work, etc., ...	10 00
238.	G. S. No. 61.—Sept. 28, 1896, Wm. Hudson, Bell work, etc., ...	5 00
239.	G. S. No. 42.—Sept. 1, 1896, W. H. Haukinson, Cleaning carpets, ...	5 50
240.	P. S. No. 24.—Sept. 8, 1896, W. H. Housner, Jr., Repairing furniture, ...	8 00
241.	G. S. No. 20.—Sept. 8, 1896, W. H. Housner, Jr., Repairing furniture, ...	10 00
242.	G. S. No. 20.—Oct. 3, 1896, W. H. Housner, Jr., Repairing furniture, ...	10 00

App. No.		
243.	G. S. No. 18.—Sept. 9, 1896, Geo. A. Haggerty, Pneumatic bell,	$1 64
244.	G. S. No. 92.—Sept. 30, 1896, Henry Heil, Glazing,	4 26
245.	G. S. No. 43.—Sept. 28, 1896, J. Harper, Easing doors,	4 50
246.	G. S. No. 70.—Sept. 10, 1896, J. Harper, Sash cords,	7 70
247.	P. S. No. 14.—Sept. 28, 1896, John F. Johnson, Repairing water closet seats,	10 00
248.	G. S. No. 51.—Sept. 25, 1896, Bernard Karsch, Repairing and cleaning clock,	3 00
249.	P. S. No. 41.—Sept. 25, 1896, Bernard Karsch, Repairing and cleaning clock,	3 00
250.	G. S. No. 23.—Aug. 28, 1896, J. Lempert, Repairing and cleaning clock,	2 00
251.	P. S. No. 37.—Sept. 19, 1896, The Levy Co., Signs,	6 00
252.	G. S. No. 16.—Sept. 11, 1896, Mitchell & McMein, Beams, girls' water closets,	10 00
253.	P. S. No. 28.—Sept. 11, 1896, J. Peyser, Glazing,	2 13
254.	G. S. No. 63.—Sept. 22, 1896, C. Proffen, Repairing desk lids,	8 00
255.	P. S. No. 11.—Sept. 15, 1896, B. Rosenberg, Glazing, etc.,	5 00
256.	G. S. No. 41.—Sept. 15, 1896, B. Rosenberg, Glazing, etc.,	5 00
257.	G. S. No. 50.—Sept. 15, 1896, Richmond School Furniture Co., Resetting desk,	3 20
258.	G. S. No. 36.—July 2, 1896, Henry A. Roth, Repairing water closets	3 43
259.	G. S. No. 25.—Aug. 1, 1896, Henry A. Roth, Repairing water closets	5 25
260.	P. S. No. 3.—Sept. 18, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Cleaning main pipe	9 98

App. No.

261. G. S. No. 10.—Sept. 23, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing supply pipe $3 00
262. G. S. No. 89.—Sept. 23, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing supply pipe 3 00
263. G. S. No. 57.—Sept. 24, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing pipes, boys' water closets . . 3 00
264. G. S. No. 39.—Sept. 27, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing leaks 8 50
265. G. S. No. 83, Annex.—Sept. 29, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Cleaning supply pipe in street . 10 00
266. G. S. No. 10.—Oct. 3, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Sanitary repairs 3 10
267. G. S. No. 57.—Aug. 24, 1896, Geo. Woehrle & Son, Picking locks 75
268. G. S. No. 25.—Sept. 10, 1896, Eugene Wuertz, Cleaning piano, primary department . . 3 00
269. G. S. No. 71.—Sept. 4, 1896, Lucian Wolf, Caning Chairs 4 90
270. G. S. No. 8.—Sept. 7, 1896, James Youngs, Glazing 7 50
271. G. S. No. 38.—Sept. 7, 1896, James Youngs, Glazing 5 00
272. G. S. No. 1.—Aug. 24, 1896, Rider Engine Co., Repairing hot air engine 3 00
273. G. S. No. 21.—Aug. 28, 1896, Rider Engine Co., Repairing hot air engine 7 85
274. G. S. No. 9.—Sept. 25, 1896, Rider Engine Co., Repairing pump, etc. 4 80
275. G. S. No. 59.—Sept. 15, 1896, Joseph Stickley, Sash cords 10 00
276. P. S. No. 29.—Sept. 1, 1896, B. Sussmann, Glazing 1 65
277. G. S. No. 79.—Aug. 18, 1896, I. Shapiro, Picking locks 1 75
278. G. S. No. 63.—Sept. 1, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing leak, etc. 9 95
279. G. S. No. 24.—Sept. 1, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing pipe, etc. 6 70

App. No.		
280.	G. S. No. 68.—Sept. 1, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Repairing leak, etc.	$6 74
281.	G. S. No. 72.—Sept. 15, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Clearing pipe	3 00
282.	P. S. No. 3.—Sept. 16, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Clearing pipe	9 00
283.	G. S. No. 57.—Sept. 15, 1896, J. H. Van Tine, Clearing pipe	4 50
	Total	$539 83.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—4.

The minutes of the meeting held October 12th, were amended as follows:

P. 279—Bottom of the page striking out the name "Bagley" and inserting "Bayley."

P. 287—Appropriation No. 254, striking out "Sep. 22" and inserting "September 12th."

P. 289—Striking out the figures "$539.83" and inserting "$540.40."

The minutes of the meeting October 12th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

P. S. No. 41.—The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley, as Janitrix, was again laid over.

G. S. No. 37, Annex.—Matter of Peter N. Phillips, contractor.

Awaiting decision of Counsel to the Corporation.

Matter of report from the Superintendent of School Buildings as to propriety of oiling playroom floors.

The Deputy Superintendent reported progress.

Consideration of the matter of providing an additional loft for the use of the Draughting Department.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the top loft of premises Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, can be leased for one year from February 1, 1897, at annual rental of twenty-five hundred dollars, with privilege of renewal for an additional

year, the owner to provide skylights and elevator. The Board to take possession at once and remain in possession to February 1, 1897, free of charge.

Referred to the Chairman with power.

Mr. William Bayley was appointed care-taker and temporary Janitor of school to be located temporarily on south side Sixty-eighth street, 100 feet west of Amsterdam avenue, at salary of $40 per month, to take effect from date of taking possession of the premises.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted the following statement of amount of money which will be required from the Bond account for payment of salaries of Inspectors and Draughtsmen from November 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897:

Inspectors, ...		$11,228 50
Draughtsmen, ...		17,294 16
		$28,522 66
Amount on hand Nov. 1, 1896 (Inspectors paid to Sept. 26, 1896, Draughtsmen to Oct. 1, 1896), ...	$16,728 77	
Amount required to pay Inspectors and Draughtsmen to November 1, 1896, .	4,030 00	12,698 77
Additional amount required, . .		$15,823 89

Approved, and to be transmitted to the Finance Committee.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a report on additional list of premises offered for lease for temporary school accommodations, and reporting the premises N. E. corner of Eleventh avenue and Fifty-eighth street as the only one available.

The matter of leasing the premises was referred to the City Superintendent for report as to the necessity and advisability of leasing the premises in question.

G. S. No. 6.—From the New York Society of Pedagogy, for use of room lately used by the Trustees, in G. S. No. 6, for a library, also for use of classrooms and a large assembly room in said school for the purpose of giving lectures, etc., said rooms to be occupied between 4 and 6 o'clock P. M. only, on school days.

Granted, and to be reported to the Board.

From the Department of Buildings, requiring fire escapes to be erected on G. S. Nos. 97 and 101.

Ordered, That a resolution be presented to the Board, giving the Committee authority to advertise for proposals.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation to the effect that in specifications prepared for work which will necessitate the opening of street pavement, the following clause be inserted:

"Should it be necessary to open the street pavements in the performance of this contract to lay electric wires or for any other purpose, the contractor shall pay the inspector designated by the Commissioner of Public Works to supervise the work of excavating, filling, opening and relaying pavement, etc. The said inspector shall receive payment at the rate of dollars, per day, for each and every day actually employed.

"Where the pavement has been opened or removed in the performance of this contract the pavement shall be restored, relaid and replaced by the contractor and kept in good condition and up to grade for two years."

Insert also after the words "and Revised Ordinances of the City of New York," the words "Department of Public Works."

The Superintendent was instructed to insert in the specifications to be hereafter prepared, the clauses as recommended by the Counsel to the Corporation.

From William W. Gallagher notifying the Board of his intention to build on property on the North side of Eighty-fifth street and Madison avenue, and requesting the Board to take action towards protecting its property.

The Deputy Superintendent reported " The matter has received attention, and the work of protecting the school premises is now under way."

G. S. 69.—Request from the Principals of Grammar School No. 69, to have luncheons furnished by the Janitor's wife; also that gas stoves for teachers' rooms for cooking purposes be furnished.

Denied, for one of the reasons that the Janitors were removed from the school buildings was to remove the smell of cooking from the schools, also the Board has gone to a large expense in providing apartments for Janitors outside the buildings.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, reporting that the remedy he suggests to prevent eels getting in water mains, etc., is by placing an eel screen box in large connections in such a position that it can be opened and the eels taken out.

Placed on file.

From the Sheet and Plate Glass Glaziers Assembly with reference to non-union glaziers being employed on the new school building on One Hundred and Nineteenth street.

Placed on file.

A delegation from the Board of Delegates of the Buildings Trade, and Buildings Trades' Section of Central Labor Union, consisting of T. C. Cuningham, of Steam Fitters Union; T. H. McCracken, Carpenters Union, and A. Cantor, of the Glaziers Union, were present and heard with reference to their protest against the enforcement of rules adopted by the Board, requiring Janitors to do mechanical work.

After discussing the matter with the delegates and explaining the rules to them, they informed the committee that they had no objection to the enforcement of the rules in question.

G. S. 2.—The committee signed an agreement amending the Specifications on the contract of Mahony Bros., and their sureties,

for alterations at Grammar School No. 2 at No. 116 Henry street, as follows:

That the party of the first part request the parties of the second and third parts to make certain alterations to said contract, to wit:

"That in lieu of painting interior woodwork of eight class-rooms in Annex, as called for in the Specifications, the said parties of the second part paint side walls and hall walls two coats of paint as directed." No extra charge.

Annex G. S. 4.—The Deputy Superintendent submitted a bill of Philip Schupbach, amounting to $12, for cleaning premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, prior to occupancy by the pupils.

Ordered, That said bill be paid.

From William Walgrain, resigning his position as Inspector of Repairs, dated October 14th, 1896.

Accepted.

The Chairman reported that on October 4, 1896, he had approved specifications for new pianos for Grammar Schools Nos. 30, 66 and 103.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

G. S. No. 76.—From Dr. Chas. E. Simmons certifying to the serious illness of Edgar B. Odell, who has been recommended for removal from his position as Janitor of Grammar School No. 76.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that when the report of the Superintendent of School Buildings, found on Jol. Bd. of Ed., p. 1332, is taken up for consideration, a resolution be introduced laying over so much of the report recommending Mr. Odell's removal, and the appointment of Mr. Pierce in his place.

Adopted.

The Clerk submitted extracts from the reports of the Board of Inspectors of the several districts, relating to building mat-

ters presented to the Board on October 7th, 1896, and referred to this Committee.

Referred to the Depnty Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from the Clerk in which he states that the President, on the 15th inst., had granted a request from the Inspectors of the 24th District, for permission to use one of the large rooms in G. S. No. 6, for a meeting of all School Inspectors, and the desire of the President to have his action in the matter approved.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported in the matter of hiring the top loft of premises Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, to provide additional accommodation for the Draughting Department, that the owner had not as yet called upon him.

Laid over.

The Rev. John P. Peters, D. D., rector, representing the vestry of St. Michael's Church, appeared before the Committee, and offered the gratuitous use of part of two buildings at Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue for temporary school accomodations, this Board to appoint a janitor and supply the necessary furniture.

Ordered, That this generous offer be reported to the Board, with a request that a letter of thanks be addressed to the pastor and vestry, for the public spirit shown by them in assisting this Board in supplying temporary school accommodations.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 11, Repairs.—Alfred Nugent & Son, contractors; dated July 6, 1896; extended to October 15, 1896.

G. S. No. 18, Sanitary.—Daniel J. Deady, contractor; dated June 2, 1896; extended to October 16, 1896.

G. S. No. 24, Piano.—Hardman, Peck & Co., contractors; dated April 23, 1896; extended to October 16, 1896.

G. S. No. 33, Sanitary.—Edmund J. Bath, contractor; dated June 26, 1896; extended to October 14, 1896.

G. S. No. 46, Sanitary.—Christopher Nally, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 15, 1896.

G. S. No. 53, Sanitary.—James Hamilton, contractor; dated June 1, 1896; extended to October 15, 1896.

G. S. No. 57, Sanitary.—Christopher Nally, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 15, 1896.

P. S. No. 14, Sanitary.—John F. Johnson, contractor; dated May 13, 1896; extended to October 14, 1896.

G. S. No. 76, Repairs.—Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 17, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 11—Alfred Nugent & Son, repairs,	$888.00
G. S. No. 18—Daniel J. Deady, sanitary,	900.00
G. S. No. 24—Hardman, Peck & Co., piano,	290.00
G. S. No. 33—Edmund J. Bath, sanitary,	797.00
G. S. No. 46—Christopher Nally, sanitary,	679.00
G. S. No. 53—James Hamilton, sanitary,	872.00
G. S. No. 57—Christopher Nally, sanitary,	700.00
P. S. No. 14—John F. Johnson, sanitary,	1,019.00
G. S. No. 76—Patrick Sullivan, repairs,	860.00

The SUPERINTENDENT reported having made the following named appropriations from the Building's Contingent Fund:

No. 179, G. S. No. 99—Repairs to heating apparatus,	$95.00
No. 180, P. S. No. 29—Clock,	14.00
	$109.00

Appropriations, recommended by the Deputy Superintendent, were made as follows:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

App. No.		
284.	G. S. No. 2.—Repairing chimney	$30 00
285.	G. S. No. 5.—Repairs, etc.	19 00
286.	G. S. No. 6.—Syphons, boys' W. C.	197 00
287.	G. S. No. 10.—Slates and furniture	46 00
288.	G. S. No. 21.—Carpets and repairing chairs	13 00
289.	G. S. No. 25.—Gongs	15 00
290.	G. S. No. 28.—Furniture	144 50
291.	G. S. No. 33.—Repairs to heating apparatus	22 00
292.	G. S. No. 40.—Heating workshop	55 00
293.	G. S. No. 43.—Carpets	51 13
294.	G. S. No. 41.—Cesspool	46 00
295.	G. S. No. 54.—Repairs, etc.	18 00
296.	G. S. No. 58.— " "	75 00
297.	G. S. No. 58.—Repairing roof	17 00
298.	G. S. No. 70.—Roof, stairs, etc.	90 00
299.	G. S. No. 71.—Blinds and shades	82 48
300.	G. S. No. 77.—Repairs, etc.	32 00
301.	G. S. No. 78.— " "	27 00
302.	G. S. No. 85.—Sanitary repairs	35 00
303.	G. S. No. 94.—Furniture	13 13
304.	G. S. No. 100.—Connecting water main	85 00
305.	G. S. No. 101.—Boiler repairs	50 00
306.	P. S. No. 3.—Repairs, etc.	26 50
307.	P. S. No. 5.—Stove, etc.	12 00
308.	P. S. No. 21.—Repairs, etc.	32 90
309.	P. S. No. 24.— " "	18 00
310.	P. S. No. 26.—Blackboards	37 80
311.	P. S. No. 40.—Iron railings, etc.	65 00
312.	P. S. No. 42.—Partitioning wardrobes	12 00
313.	P. S. No. 48.—Cleaning and disinfecting vaults.	25 00
	Total	$1,392 44

PLACING FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH WIRES IN THE SUBWAYS.

No. 24.	G. S. No. 46.—Connecting the school with city system	$748 53
No. 25.	G. S. No. 72.—Connecting the school with city system	175 83
	Total	$924 36

The minutes of meeting held October 2d were corrected on page 265 by amending App. No. 172, so as to read "$400," in lieu of "$600."

The Deputy Superintendent recommended an appropriation of $311.50 from the appropriation "Furniture and Repairs of" for furniture work to be done at Grammar School No. 7.

Laid over.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 78.—Sanitary work, Erskine & McGregor, contractors; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 19, 1896.

P. S. No. 36.—Repairs; Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated May 25, 1896; extended to October 16, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 78.—Erskine & McGregor . . .	$1,767 00
P. S. No. 36.—Patrick Sullivan	800 00

Proposals were received from the following-named persons for making repairs, etc., in response to the advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, expiring on this date:

ALTERATIONS TO JANITORS' APARTMENTS.

	G. S. No. 8.	P. S. No. 8.	P. S. No. 11.	P. S. No. 12.	P. S. No. 17.
Geo. Hildebrand	$397	$731	$233	$339	
Wm. A. Gedney	649	1,286	660		$1,482
John F. Johnson	775				
Bryan & McFerran	395	705	411	336	
Mahony Bros		970		520	
John Valentine			590	698	
Patrick Sullivan	670	869	700	725	1,850
Jones & O'Connor	535	926	313	253	907
Charles Wille			350	340	1,275
William Horne	595				
John H. Goetschius	705	1,165			

IMPROVING LOTS ADJOINING, AND PREMISES OF PRIMARY DEPARTMENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 60.

John F. Johnson	$10,095
Edmund J. Bath	15,200
Frank Boyle & Son	17,000

ERECTING A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING ON SOUTH SIDE OF FORDHAM AVENUE, EAST OF MAIN STREET (CITY ISLAND).

Hartman & Horgan	$71,300
Mahony Bros.	75,900
Harry McNally	70,750
Scheidecker & Gonder	71,995
Thomas Cockerill & Son	74,900

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the following named proposals for alterations to Janitors' apartments be accepted, in each case being the lowest bidder, and that an appropriation of the amount of each bid hereby accepted be, and the same is hereby made, from the fund.

1896, "Special alterations to Janitors' apartments," viz.

App. No.		
16.	G. S. No. 8.—Bryan & McFarren	$395
17.	P. S. No. 8.— " "	705
18.	P. S. No. 11.—George Hildebrand	233
19.	P. S. No. 12.—Jones & O'Conner	253
20.	P. S. No. 17.— " "	907

Adopted.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the proposal of John F. Johnson, for improving the lot adjoining, and premises of Primary Department Grammar School No. 60, be awarded to John F. Johnson for the sum of $10,095, he being the lowest bidder, and that the matter be reported to the Board for the necessary approval and appropriation.

Adopted.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the contract for erecting

the new school building at City Island be awarded to Harry McNally for the sum of $70,750, he being the lowest, and that the matter be reported to the Board for the necessary approval and appropriation.

Adopted.

Proposals were received from the following named companies for supplying three (3) square and two (2) upright pianos for use in the Public Schools, in response to an advertisement in the *City Record* published for ten days, ending with this date:

Behning Piano Co.:

3 square pianos, at $280,	$840
2 upright " 255,	510
	$1,350
Hardman, Peck & Co., 3 square and 2 upright pianos, at $287.50,	$1,437.50

The consideratson of making an award of contract was laid over.

The CHAIRMAN was authorized to introduce a resolution in the Board approving of the action of David Barry & Co., contractors for erecting a new school building at Bedford Park, in assigning, on October 19th, to Overbaugh & Camp, the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000), from each of the second and third payments due under their contract.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he made the following appropriations from the Building Contingent Fund:

No. 181.—Hall of the Board—Repairing table,	$4 50
No. 182.—G. S. No. 28—Patent Venetian blinds,	17 28
No. 183.—Hall of the Board—Connecting radiator, etc.,	25 00
No. 184.—G. S. No. 39—Sanitary repairs	18 00
Total,	$64 78

Approved.

The Committee granted an extension of time for the completion of the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 78.—Sanitary work; contractors, Erskine & McGregor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 19, 1896.

P. S. No. 36.—Repairs, etc.; Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated May 25, 1896; extended to October 16, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 78.—Erskine & McGregor, sanitary, $1,767.00.

P. S. No. 36.—Patrick Sullivan, repairs, etc., $800.00.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The minutes were amended as follows:

October 19th, page 294, ninth line from top of page, strike out "remove" and insert "obviate."

October 21st pages 301 and 303, strike out the name "Bryan" and insert "Ryan."

The minutes of the meetings held October 19th and 21st as printed and amended were then approved.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the action of David Barry & Co., contractors, for erecting the new school building at Bedford Park, in assigning on September 25, 1896, to Francis Cook, the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000), of the first payment on their contract, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted.

The matter of awarding the contract for three square and two upright pianos was laid over to await a report from Miss McCaffery, Pricipal of P. S. No. 16, as to the comparative merits of the "Hardman" and "Behning" pianos.

Report of Alfred T. Schauffler, on comparative merits of the pianos, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Peter N. Phillips, contractor for Grammar School No. 37, appeared before the Committee and made claim for extra work which he claimed was necessary to be done to enable him to proceed with his contract.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the matter be referred to a Board of Arbitration, viz.: The Committee to select an Architect, the contractor a Builder, and if a satisfactory conclusion cannot be arrived at, they to select a third party to determine what extra work and value has been placed on Mr. Phillips by the Department of Buildings, and a fair interpretation of the contract. If said Arbitrators arrive at any conclusion as to additional expense to be allowed Mr. Phillips over and above his contract, the Committee on Buildings to submit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation for his decision as to whether the Board of Education can make the additional allowance. This action is taken provided Mr. Phillips proceed with the work on his contract and have the same entirely completed by January 1st, 1897.

Adopted.

Mr. Phillips accepted this proposition.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that Mr. Ralph S. Townsend, Architect, be selected as Arbitrator on behalf of the Committee.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 93.—Commissioner ADAMS reported that additional seats could be placed in some of the classrooms in this school.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent to consult with City Superintendent Jasper.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that all checks which accompanied the proposals for making alterations in the apartments lately occupied by the Janitors in G. S. No. 8, P. S. Nos. 8, 11, 12 and 17, be returned to the respective contractors who submitted them, the orders for the work having been issued to the successful contractors.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 19, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street near Eighth avenue.—Matter of ability to renew the lease of the premises after February 1st, 1897.

Laid over to await an answer from the owners.

Offer of the Board of Trustees of the Willett Street Methodist Episcopal Church, situated between Grand and Broome streets, of that building for school purposes, at an annual rental of $1,200, was considered.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the "rooms intended to be used as temporary class rooms "are situated in the basement, and will accommodate about 300 "children. It is clear to me, however, that during the dark "days of winter, which so often occur, it will be necessary to "use gaslight during school hours. The building can be leased "for a term of two or more years, and the rent charged includes "heat, light, services of janitor and proper sanitary accommoda- "tions."

Referred to City Superintendent Jasper for report as to the advisability of hiring the premises in question.

P. S. No. 41.—The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as janitrix of this school, was again laid over.

G. S. No. 37.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that he was in receipt of a communication from the Van Dorn Iron Works, sub-contractors for Peter M. Phillips for the erection of annex, etc., in reference to their inability to supply several bulb angles under stairs, as called for in the specifications, and asked that an angle of another shape be substituted. They also submit letters from several iron mills, etc., to corroborate their statement. He recommended that inasmuch as the rolling mills have stopped rolling the same as part of their stock, and to insist upon this section being used would cause further delays in the work, that the contractor be permitted to substitute ten (10) inch steel channels, which will in no way interfere with the strength and safety of the construction.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent be approved, and the specifications attached to the contract be amended accordingly.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 87.—The Deputy Superintendent reported progress in the matter of the propriety of waxing playroom floors.

The following named appropriation was made from the fund entitled "Furniture and repairs of," viz.:

No. 6, G. S. No. 7—Furniture work, . . . $311.50

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—Consideration of offer of use of part of two buildings at Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue, free of rent.

Commissioner ADAMS presented the following report from the Sub-Committee:

NEW YORK, *Oct.* 26th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—In reference to the acceptance of the offer of temporary school accommodations by the Vestry of St. Michael's Church, which at the last meeting of this Committee was referred to a Sub-Committee of Commissioner ADAMS and the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for examination and report, would respectfully state, that the buildings consist of two frame structures formerly fronting on old Broadway, which is now closed up. The accommodations afforded are two rooms, one situated in the larger building on Ninety-ninth street, which is now used by the Sunday School. This room could be divided into three classrooms, one of, say, thirty-five pupils, and two of about forty pupils. The other room is in the rear of the frame building on the top floor, and is used as a Society Meeting Room and for Calisthenics. It would accommodate two classes of about forty each.

Rather extensive repairs and alterations would have to be made in the building if we were to accept the same for temporary school use; sanitary accommodations would also have to be arranged for, and many other questions definitely settled before this Committee can accept the offer.

The alterations required, and which we have planned, would cost from $900 to $1,000, and would have to be quite radical in their nature, such as cutting in additional windows, putting down

new floors, new floor and steps to veranda, strengthening stairs, furnishing wardrobe space, etc., etc.

We do not know that we could obtain permission to make these extensive changes, as it would necessitate calling a meeting of the Vestry to get a definite answer. Dr. Peters was out of the city at the time of our visit, so we were unable to get an opinion from him in the matter.

One very serious objection to the acceptance of this very generous offer is the fact that at present a Parish House is in course of erection at the rear of the Church site, and the present alley-way is completely filled with building materials of every description. As this building is but just begun, and will not be completed until some time in the Spring, this would be quite objectionable, as it would be impossible to keep the alley-way in such a condition as to be passable and safe at all times for small children.

The sanitary accommodations also would be a question to be carefully considered, owing to the fact that the workmen use the present closets, and additional quarters cannot be added adequate to the needs of the pupils.

In consideration of these facts, we respectfully recommend that this very generous offer be declined with thanks.

RICH. H. ADAMS,
Commissioner Board of Education.
WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Sup't of School Buildings.

The following communication was also received from the Counsel to the Corporation:

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
No. 2 TRYON ROW,
NEW YORK, *October* 26, 1896.

WILLIAM C. HASKELL, ESQ.,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Hall of the Board of Education,
146 Grand street, New York.

MY DEAR SIR:—In rep'y to your communications of October

15 and of October 23, 1896, asking me substantially to guarantee that if you accept the offer of the Rector of St. Michael's Church, at Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue, offering you the use of two buildings, rent free, that that property should not be assessed for taxes during its occupancy for school purposes, it is not within my province or power to make any such guarantee.

If the building should be assessed for taxes, and unlawfully assessed, upon a proper application by the party aggrieved for a remission of the tax, that application would then be disposed of upon facts as they might exist.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be adopted, and reported to the Board.

Adopted.

The City Superintendent reported with reference to obtaining temporary school accommodations.

Buildings which do not come within the requirements of the Building Laws.

Fifty-second street and Lexington avenue.

Not Leasable.

No. 206 East Broadway.

Not in the District requiring additional accommodations.

No. 420 East Fourteenth street.

Nos. 240, 242 and 244 East One Hundred and Tenth street.

West End avenue and Sixty-seventh street.

All the above pieces of property were rejected.

The City Superintendent submitted the following report as to new school accommodations required :

OFFICE OF THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT,
NEW YORK, *October 26th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In answer to recent communications of inquiry, new accommodations are, in my judgment, necessary, as follows:

I. Communication, September 22, 1896. In re Twenty-fifth Inspection District, Twelfth Ward.

There should be two new Primary Schools in this District:

1. Site near One Hundredth street and Columbus avenue.
2. Site near Eighty-sixth street and Columbus avenue.

EXPLANATION.

District extends from Eighty-fourth street to One Hundred and Tenth street, West side. There are now only two schools in this District and both of these are Grammar Schools with refused admissions, as follows:

G. S. No. 54, One Hundred and Fourth street, near Tenth avenue, 25 Grammar pupils; 407 Primary pupils.

G. S. No. 93, Ninety-third street and Amsterdam avenue, 10 Grammar pupils; 236 Primary pupils.

II. Communications, October 12th and 14th. "Suitableness of locations" of *temporary accommodations*. Apparently not sufficiently urgent:

1. Lexington avenue and Fifty-second street.

There are no half-day classes in the Ward.

G. S. No. 18 has refused only 15 Grammar pupils, and G. S. No. 59 has refused only 1 Grammar and 59 Primary pupils.

These are the neighboring schools.

Necessary:

2. No. 10 West One Hundred and Fourth street.

This will relieve situation referred to in the first recommendation.

3. No. 116 East Eighty-eighth street.

Seems to be necessary, although reported as too near G. S. No. 37.

G. S. No. 6 has 297 on its refused list.
G. S. No. 42 " 367 " " " "
4. Ninety-sixth street and Park avenue.
G. S. No. 86 has refused 349.
P. S. No. 9 " " 208.
5. Seventy-fourth street, corner Avenue A.
No Primary School near.
G. S. No. 82 has refused 168.
G. S. No. 96 " " 96.
6. One Hundred and Thirty-third street and Park avenue.
No school near.

III. Communication, October 13th. Free use of building, part of and adjoining St. Michael's Church, No. 225 West Ninety-ninth street.

Necessary because

P. D. No. 93 refuses 236.
P. D. No. 54 " 407.
Rent should however be paid.

IV. Communications 4, 6, 23. Property offered by Golding & Whitehouse.

First street and Second avenue.
Too near another school.
G. S. No. 79 across the street.

V. Communication, October 20th. Renting premises, Fifty-eighth street and Eleventh avenue. Not needed. No half-day classes and no refusals at school opposite premises, P. S. No. 41.

Accommodations nearer to G. S. No. 94 are needed, which refuses 155 primary children.

VI. Communication to Mr. Godwin, September 28th.

No. 220 East Second street.
Seems to be necessary, because
P. D. No. 13 refuses 185 and has 128 on half time.
P. D. No. 79 " 50.

VII. Application of Principal.

For the relief of G. S. No. 77, I recommend securing from

the Park department unused building in the East River Park, foot of Eighty-eighth street.

School No. 77 refuses 431 children. If this building cannot be secured, there is Renwick Hall on Third avenue and Eighty-sixth street, which was formerly used as a school, also a church, Eighty-sixth street and Lexington avenue, one of which might be rented.

VIII. Application of Principal.

For the relief of the Seventh Ward, I recommend securing the use of the Church of the Sea & Land, 61 Henry street, which will accommodate 1,000 children now on the streets.

If this cannot be secured there is a loft formerly used for school purposes in Seaman's Home, Cherry street, which is now for rent. This will accommodate half of the children.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had referred each item of complaints made by the respective Boards of School Inspectors as to repairs required in the school buildings, to an Inspector, and a statement of the whole matter would be reported to the Committee at its next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF LEASING 419 AND 421 BROOME STREET.

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the power bestowed upon him by this Committee, he had negotiated a lease of the top floor of building 419-421 Broome street, for one year, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year, at an annual rental of $2,100, for the use of the Draughting Department of the Board of Education. The owner agreeing to put in five new skylights; to put strips on walls on which to tack drawings; to put floor in good condition; to repair and put plumbing work in good condition; paint and varnish walls in colors to be selected; put in passenger elevator; furnish Janitor's service; supply steam heat immediately; run present freight elevator

for our accommodation at once; build such private office as may be required; wire the building for electric light; make the roof accessible for our use in blue printing, etc. Rent to commence on February 1st, 1897.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the CHAIRMAN be approved, and that the matter be reported to the Board, for authority to lease the premises in question.

Adopted.

The consideration of the following-named communications was laid over:

Inspectors 21st and 31st Districts, suggesting that rules be adopted instructing Principals how to act in case of emergency, such as bursting of water pipes, etc.

Inspector 25th District, suggesting that Janitors of schools should be supplied with bolts, screws, tools, etc. Also that the school buildings should be connected by telephone with the Hall of the Board.

Inspector 27th District, reporting that a piano is required in P. S. No. 23, for Kindergarten purpose.

Matter of the advisability of supplying Principals with Order Books, similar to those in use by the Inspectors of the Building Department.

G. S. No. 69.—From the Acting Principal of the Male Department for permission to have luncheon served in the extra rooms; also that the Janitor be supplied with two tons of stove coal for supplying hot tea and coffee.

Denied, for the reason that, in the opinion of the Committee, one hour is ample time for teachers and pupils to leave the building to procure a hot luncheon.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted the following-named bills, incurred in advertising for offers to lease buildings for temporary school accommodations:

The New York Herald	$15 30
The Journal	28 40
The New York Times	23 20
The World	14 10
The Tribune Association	13 50
The New York Staats Zeitung	15 30
The Sun	22 40
The New York Press Company, Limited	15 20
The Morning Advertiser	25 20
The Evening Post	15 00
The Mail and Express Publishing Company	15 00
The Commercial Advertiser	24 80
Evening Telegram	17 50
New York Recorder	11 25
The New York News Publishing Company	13 50

Ordered, That the bills be referred to the Committee on Supplies, with a request that they provide for the payment of the same.

From the Andrews Manufacturing Company, accepting the proposition from this Committee to supply the schools with bookcases, put in place, at $10.00 per case, to be delivered by said Company, to fill orders as received.

Ordered, That said Company be notified that this Committee accepts said offer.

G. S. No. 10—From Ernest R. Birkins, for permission to use the rooms in G. S. No. 10 for meeting of associations of "Male Assistants" and "Assistant Teachers."

Referred to the City Superintendent for report.

Appropriation No. 79, made July 13th, from the fund "Heating and Ventilating apparatus, changes and repairs of" was increased from $19 to $28--(see bottom of page 199 of the minutes, Primary School No. 45) the lowest proposal having been withdrawn, and the action of the lowest bidder in withdrawing was approved, and refused the right of estimating in the future.

The following named appropriations, recommended by the Deputy Superintendent were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF WARD SCHOOLS REPAIRS.

No. 314.	P. D. No. 60—Repairs, etc. . . .	$43 00
" 315.	G. S. No. 46— " " . . .	125 00
" 316.	G. S. No. 6—Coil, steam pipe, etc. . .	35 00
" 317.	G. S. No. 86—Furniture	127 00
" 318.	G. S. No. 95—Leaders, etc. . . .	34 00
" 319.	G. S. No. 40—Electric lighting . . .	98 50
" 320.	G. S. No. 69—Flagging	50 00
" 321.	G. S. No. 22—Bellwork, ceiling, etc. . .	65 00
	Total	$577 50

SPECIAL ALTERATIONS JANITORS' APARTMENTS.

No. 21. G. S. No. 43—Changing Janitors' Apartments $337 00

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, appropriations were made to pay the following named bills:

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

No. 185.	Hall—Haas & Fried, June 19, 1896. alterations, etc., office of Superintendent of School Buildings . . .	$200 00
No. 186.	Hall—P. Nichols, Oct. 6, 1896, chair patterns	66 00
No. 187.	G. S. No. 4, Annex—Richmond School Furniture Co., October 8, 1896, setting furniture	59 17
	Total	$325 17

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

No. 322.	P. S. No. 22—Treasurer Police Department, Oct. 16, 1896, testing 2 boilers	$4 00

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted :—

G. S. No. 4.—Repairs, etc.—Patrick Sullivan, contractor, dated June 26, 1896; extended to October 22, 1896.

P. S. No. 13.—Repairs, etc.—J. H. Goetschius, contractor, dated May 13, 1896; extended to October 17, 1896.

P. S. No. 40.—Sanitary—Mahony Bros., contractors, dated June 16, 1896; extended to October 19, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final payments on contracts:

G. S. No. 4.—Patrick Sullivan—Repairs, . .	$600
G. S. No. 41.— " " alter Janitor's apartments	536
P. S. No. 13.—J. H. Goetschius—Repairs . .	615
P. S. No. 40.—Mahony Bros.—Sanitary . . .	834

From Good Government Club E in reference to page 66 of Pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, to the effect that all the Churches in the 15th Assembly District will gladly allow their buildings to be used for Kindergartens.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

From Wm. Nelson, proposing to put up and complete a building for school purposes located on the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, 120 ft. from westerly corner of Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Fourteenth street, size of plot 75x85 ft., and rent the same for five years at annual rental of $5,000.

Denied, for reason that accommodation is not required in this section, and for a further reason that the new school building in One Hundred and Nineteenth street will in a short time be ready for occupancy.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the minutes be amended as follows:

On top of page 306, strike out Commissioner AGAR's motion with reference to a Board of Arbitration, and insert the following:

"Commissioner AGAR moved that the matter be referred to a Board of Arbitration, viz: The Committee to select an Architect, the Contractor a Builder, and if a satisfactory conclusion cannot be arrived at by these two, they to select a third party to determine what extra work if any, has been done or is necessary to be done under orders of the Department of Buildings, by Mr. Phillips, and the value thereof under a fair interpretation of the contract. If said Arbitrators arrive at any conclusion as to the extra work, if any, and the value thereof, over and above Phillips' contract, the Committee on Buildings to submit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation for his decision as to whether the Board of Education can make the additional allowance if any. This action is taken provided Mr. Phillips proceed with the work on his contract and have the same entirely completed by January 1st, 1897."

Adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held October 26th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

PIANOS.—The matter of awarding the contract for three square and two upright pianos was taken up.

A report from Miss Sara J. J. McCaffery, on the comparative merits of the "Hardman" and "Behning" pianos was received; also from Karl Heinrich, Inspector in the Building Department of this Board, on the same subject.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the "Hardman" piano be selected, and the matter of negotiating the price be referred to the Chairman to consult with Hardman, Peck & Co.

Adopted.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS.—The following report was received from the Deputy Superintendent:

To the Committee on Buildings, Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN:—Would respectfully report that the following property has been offered for temporary school accommodations, in addition to that already reported.

A. Property offered and recommended to be secured for temporary purposes:

Store, S. W. corner Ninety-fifth street and Park avenue.

B.—Property which is under consideration:

No. 187–189 Cherry street.

Church of the Sea and Land, corner Henry and Market streets.

No. 182–184 Cherry street.

C. Property not in congested Districts:

No. 207–209 East Forty-ninth street.

No. 420 East Fourteenth street.

D. Property not suitable for sanitary or other reasons.

Corner One Hundred and Thirty-third street and Park avenue.

Building in East River Park.

No. 59 West One Hundred and Fourth street.

E. Property not in conformity with the Building Laws:

Corner Seventy-fourth street and Aveuue A.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board leasing the corner store, on the southwest corner of Ninety-sixth street and Park avenue, for school purposes, at a rental of Eighty dollars ($80) per month, for a term of two years, payable monthly, provided the Department of Buildings will consent to the use of the premises for school purposes. The owner, at his own expense, to place two water closets and three Compartment Alberene Urinals; erect one partition, and furnish the services of a Janitor for attention to stoves and cleaning.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT, Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the examination of Delinquent Janitors, reported that on Thursday, October 22d, the Committee had before it all those who, in the reports of the Principals for the month of September, were not marked excellent. Thirty-seven Janitors were present. It was found that in all but fourteen cases, the Principals intended by the use of the word "good" to convey the idea of "excellent" as shown by the letters which were presented by the Janitors. In the other cases, personal examination and inspection of the several schools was made.

Placed on file

The consideration of the matter of renting the property Nos. 187 and 189 Cherry street was laid over.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a report in detail on matters of repairs, etc., required to be made to the several school buildings, extracted from the reports of the respective Boards of School Inspectors.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a report be presented to the Board of Education to the effect that the Committee find nothing of any great importance to report in detail, many of the items having already been attended to, and many of the repairs, etc., recommended are now being made. The larger items recommended, such as erecting new buildings, providing addi-

tional accommodation, will be attended to in 1897 or soon as the necessary funds can be secured.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a list of buildings which have been submitted for rental for temporary school accommodations, in response to the Committee's advertisement for offers of premises, and through other channels.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved the list be submitted to the Board with a request that it be printed in full in the minutes.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of David Barry & Co., October 30, 1896, in assigning to Francis Cook the sum of Four thousand dollars ($4,000) out of the second payment on their contract for erecting a new school building at Bedford Park, in the 24th Ward, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted.

The CLERK submitted a statement of claims against the appropriation for 1895, entitled "Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools," amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $1,729.33.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a report be submitted to the Board recommending that the matter of procuring a transfer of the necessary funds be referred to the Finance Committee.

Adopted.

G. S. 93.—Report of Commissioner ADAMS that additional seats could be placed in some of the class rooms.

The Deputy Superintendent reported all the rooms average about ninety, but even if this number were allowed, it is impossible to seat any such number, as the floor space will not permit.

Ordered on file.

P. S. No. 19, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, near Eighth avenue.—Matter of ability to renew the lease of the premises after February 1, 1897.

A communication was received from Henry J. Appel, Jr., attorney for the owners, to the effect that the lease could be renewed at an annual increased yearly rent of $5,000, provided the owners of a portion of the premises will give their consent to such letting.

The Clerk reported the present rental $4,000—keeping roof in repair and paying water tax.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

Offer of the Board of Trustees of the Willett Street M. E. Church, between Grand and Broome streets, of that building for school purposes, at an annual rental of $1,200.

Awaiting report from City Superintendent.

P. S. No. 41.—The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix, was again laid over.

G. S. No. 87.—Matter of waxing the floors. (Laid over to await the return of the Superintendent.)

Inspectors 21st and 31st Districts.—Suggesting that rules be adopted instructing Principals how to act in case of emergency, such as bursting of water pipes, etc. Laid over.

Inspectors 25th District.—Suggesting that Janitors of schools should be supplied with bolts, screws, tools, etc. Laid over.

Inspectors 25th District.—Suggesting that school buildings should be connected by telephone with the Hall of the Board.

The Committee decided that they did not consider this a matter of importance.

P. S. No. 23—Inspectors 27th District, reporting that a piano is required in P. S. No. 26 for Kindergarten purposes.

Inspectors to be notified that an item for piano referred to, is included in the Budget for 1897.

G. S. No. 10—Ernest R. Birkins, Principal, for permission to use the rooms in G. S. No. 10, for meetings of associations of male assistant and assistant teachers (waiting for report of City Superintendent).

Good Government Club E, in reference to page 66 of Pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, to the effect that all churches in the fifteenth Assembly District will gladly allow their buildings to be used for Kindergartens.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in reporting the amount of salary due Mrs. Emma Meyer, for services as acting janitrix of Grammar School No. 42 (see Journal Board of Education, p. 1311, also Benjamin T. Lee, for similar service in P. S. No. 3. was erroneous, and should have been as follows:

Mrs. Emma T. Meyer, September 1 to 17 = 17th of the month,	$69.33
Benjamin T. Lee, July 17th to September 18th, both inclusive	283.72

Ordered, That the Board be requested to reconsider its vote found on p. 1312 of the Journal, and amend the same so as to provide for payment of the correct sum as above named.

The Deputy Superintendent requested that the authority for Inspectors of the Building Department of this Board to incur expenditures of $10 or less, for emergency repairs, be extended to December 1st, 1896.

Granted.

P. S. No. 37 (Essex Market).—The Deputy Superintendent presented a report recommending that the salary of the Janitor of P. S. No. 37 be increased from February 1st, 1896.

Laid over for further report from the Deputy Superintendent.

G. S. No. 4.—The Deputy Superintendent reported with reference to re-adjusting the salary of the Janitor, on account of

the care of the annex at Nos. 71–73 Pitt street, fixing the salary at $2080 per annum to take effect September 28th, 1896.

Approved.

G. S. No. 97—Annex.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that the following removal and nomination for a Janitorship of Annex to Grammar School No. 97 would be presented to the Board as per Section 28, Chapter 387, Laws of 1896, viz.:

Catharine Corbett—To be removed.

Edward Corbett—To be appointed.

Approved.

G. S. No. 37—The following named appropriation was made from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No. 194—G. S. No. 37, etc.—Pay bill of C. E. Falvey for moving and setting up furniture, incurred as an emergency, $227.59.

G. S. No. 35—From Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector 9th School District, with reference to putting in an illuminator at G. S. No. 35; also, from the New York Illuminator Co., offering to put in said school one of their illuminators and allow it to remain for thirty days on trial without charge.

Granted.

From the Chaucer Literary Society to use a room in G. S. No. 75, as a meeting room, on Saturday evenings from October 1896 to April 1897.

All the members of this Society are students of the Evening High School held in G. S. No. 75, and the application is made for the sole purpose of the Study of English Literature.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the application be granted, provided it meets with the approval of the City Superintendent and School Inspectors for the 2d District.

Adopted.

From the Secretary of the 28th District Socialistic Labor

Party, requesting the use of Grammar School Building No. 96, on Sunday, November 15th, for the purpose of giving a lecture.

Denied for the reason that it has not been the practice of this Board to permit the use of the school buildings for purposes not directly connected with the public schools.

G. S. No. 63.—From the Secretary of the Fairmount Improvement Association, relative to the overcrowded condition of G. S. No. 63.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that hereafter a copy of all specifications for the erection of new buildings be sent each member of the Board of Education.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following-named specifications:

G. S. No. 1.—New school building, Henry, Oliver and Chatham streets, October 29th.

G. S. Nos. 5 and 10.—Gymnasium apparatus, October 29th.

FLAGS, October 26th.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the action of the Chairman be concurred in.

Adopted.

LEASES which will expire: 160 Elm street, February 1, 1897. Rental $1,700 per annum. Board to give notice. One Hundred and Forty-first street and Brook avenue, Branch G. S. No. 85. Expires March 15, 1897. Rental $1,000 per annum and Croton tax.

Webster avenue and Suburban street Branch G. S. No. 64, expires January 1, 1897. Annual rental $780.

Laid over.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 38—Repairs, etc.—Herman Hartman, contractor; dated May 29, 1896; extended to October 28, 1896.

G. S. No. 41—Repairs, etc.—Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated May 13, 1896; extended to October 27, 1896.

G. S. No. 73—Repairs, etc.—Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 29.

G. S. No. 93—Repairs, etc.—Mahony Bros., contractors; dated July 18, 1896; extended to October 26, 1896.

G. S. No. 4, Annex—Alter, fit up, etc., Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street.—Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated September 22, 1896; extended to October 28, 1896.

P. S. No. 10—Repairs, etc.—Mahony Bros., contractors; dated June 16, 1896; extended to October 27, 1896.

P. S. No. 15—Repairs, etc.—Abraham Greenberg, contractor; dated June 2, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

P. S. No. 15—Sanitary.—Herman Hartman, contractor; dated May 29, 1896; extended to October 9, 1896.

P. S. No. 7—Repairs, etc.—John Law, contractor; dated May 13, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 54—Repairs, etc.—John Law, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 94—Repairs, etc.—John Law, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 78.—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated July 18, 1896; extended to October 30, 1896.

G. S. No. 68.—Repairs, etc., John Law, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to Nov. 2, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 38.—Herman Hartman,	Repairs, etc.,	$1,287
G. S. No. 41.—Patrick Sullivan,	"	1,085
G. S. No. 73.—Patrick Sullivan,	"	987

G. S. No. 93.—Mahony Bros., Repairs, etc.,	$545
G. S. No. 4, Annex.—Patrick Sullivan, Alterations, etc.,	539
P. S. No. 10.—Mahony Bros., Repairs, etc.,	643
P. S. No. 15.—Abraham Greenberg, Repairs, etc.,	395
P. S. No. 15.—Herman Hartman, Sanitary,	987
P. S. No. 7.—John Law, Repairs, etc.,	380
G. S. No. 54.—John Law, "	543
G. S. No. 94.—John Law, "	840
G. S. No. 78.—Mahony Bros., "	850
G. S. No. 68.—John Law, "	895

The Deputy Superintendent, to whom was referred bills incurred by Trustees prior to July 1, from the Ward Incidental Fund, in violation of Section 66 of the by-laws as amended April 1st, the Superintendent not having been consulted, reported that emergency existed at the time, for having the work done.

Laid over for report from the Deputy Superintendent as to correctness of the prices charged in the respective bills.

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, appropriations were made from the fund "Incidental Expenses Ward Schools, Repairs," to pay for the following repairs incurred by the Inspectors:

App.	323.	G. S. No.	77.	A. E. Appleton, October 8, 1896, repairing clock,	$4.75
"	324.	" "	54.	Archibald Brothers, August 31, 1896, repairing doors,	4.50
"	325.	" "	93.	Archibald Brothers, August 31, 1896, altering, sashes.	4.00
"	326.	" "	93.	Archibald Brothers, September 3, 1896, repairing door-bell,	6.00

App.	327.	G. S. No.	36.	Andrews Brothers, October 16, 1896, felt steam risers,	$9.72
"	328.	P. S. No.	10.	John Byrns, September 22, 1896, clearing W.C. pipe,	4.95
"	329.	G. S. No.	79.	John Byrns, September 26, 1896, sanitary repairs,	3.15
"	330.	" "	12.	John Byrns, September 30, 1896, sanitary repairs,	4.35
"	331.	" "	92.	John Byrns, October 3, 1896, repairing leak in W. C.,	5.96
"	332.	" "	36.	John Byrns, October 5, 1896, overflow pipe,	9.87
"	333.	" "	1.	John Byrns, October 9, 1896, plugging dead pipe,	2.39
"	334.	" "	92.	John Byrns, October 13, 1896, clearing eels out of pipe,	2.42
"	335.	" "	36.	John Byrns, October 14, 1896, clearing eels out pipe,	4.78
"	336.	" "	12.	John Byrns, October 14, 1896, clearing eels out of pipe,	2.60
"	337.	" "	22.	John Byrns, October 16, 1896, clearing eels out of pipe,	2.19
"	338.	" "	63.	Henry Clark, September 15, 1896, glazing and sash cords,	8.75
"	339.	" "	65.	Henry Clark, October 9, 1896, glazing and repairs,	10.00
"	340.	P. S. No.	8.	Robert Coble, October 6, 1896, glazing and sash cords,	7.60

App.	341.	G. S. No.	42.	Robert Coble, October 10, 1896, glazing and sash cords, ...	$10.00
"	342.	" "	12.	Robert Coble, October 13, 1896, glazing and sash cords, ...	3.00
"	343.	P. S. No.	46.	Chesebro, Whitman & Co., September 14, 1896, halyards, ...	4.00
"	344.	G. S. No.	51.	T. J. Cummins, September 8, 1896, sanitary repairs,	9.53
"	345.	" "	62.	Frank Dobson, October 6, 1896, repairing heating apparatus, . . .	9.98
"	346.	" "	36.	L. B. Fitch, October 14, 1896, repairing Venetian blinds, ...	9.36
"	347.	" "	70.	P. Greene, September 14, 1896, repairing heating apparatus, . . .	6.88
"	348.	P. S. No.	35.	P. Greene, September 16, 1896, faucet, . . .	7.02
"	349.	G. S. No.	46.	A. Hafelin, October 10, 1896, tuning piano, P. D.,	1.25
"	350.	" "	93.	A. Hafelin, October 22, 1896, tuning piano, F. D.,	1.75
"	351.	" "	93.	J. Harper, October 7, 1896, repairs, etc.	2.60
"	352.	G. S. No.	25.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., Oct. 1, 1896, sash cords, etc.,	$ 4.96
"	353.	" "	79.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., Oct. 3, 1896, sash cords, etc.,	8.00
"	354.	P. S. No.	" 11.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., Oct. 3, 1896, repairs, etc.	8.90
"	355.	" "	84.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., Oct. 19, 1896, repairs, etc.,	2.50

App.	356.	P. S. No.	90.	William Hudson, Aug. 31, 1895, repairs, etc.,	$8.00
"	357.	" "	20.	L. Hubner, Oct. 10, 1896, tuning piano.	1.25
"	358.	G. S. No.	71.	William Klein, Sept. 8, 1896, repairing hand rail,	1.15
"	359.	" "	55.	Sheppard Knapp & Co., Sept. 30, 1896, shades,	10.00
"	360.	" "	32.	W. J. Kirkpatrick, Sept. 14, 1896, repairs, etc.,	10.00
"	361.	" "	6.	Alex. Leitch, Sept. 29, 1896, glazing.	2.56
"	362.	P. S. No.	3.	William Lohmann, Oct. 10, 1896, tuning piano,	1.25
"	363.	G. S. No.	17.	Wm. L. Luyster, Sept. 4, 1896, glazing and repairs,	9.72
"	364.	" "	16.	Charles Lurch, Oct. 21, 1896, tuning piano,	2.50
"	365.	" "	34.	Annex, Marshall & Co., Sept. 19, 1896, repairing roof,	6.56
"	366.	" "	4.	Marshall & Co., Oct. 6, 1896, repairing roof,	6.94
"	367.	" "	3.	Matthew Monaghan, Sept. 29, 1896, repairing leak in water closet,	1.38
"	368.	" "	3.	Matthew Monaghan, Oct. 10, 1896, repairing leak, etc.,	3.15
"	369.	" "	54.	A. C. Manning & Co., Oct. 19, 1896, changing fly-wheel	7.20
"	370.	" "	64.	William Moore, Oct. 2, 1896, glazing,	9.40
"	371.	" "	41.	Christopher Nally, Aug. 27, 1896, repairing W. C. tanks,	10.00

App.	372.	P. S. No.	13.	A. P. Nahmens, Oct. 12, 1896, repairing clock, .	$2.50
"	373.	G. S. No.	8.	O'Brien & Ryder, Oct. 5–7, 1896, clearing pipes, .	4.90
"	374.	" "	23.	James Power, Oct. 8, 1896 repairs, etc. . . .	9.56
"	375.	" "	44.	Rider Engine Co., Oct. 1896, repairing pump, .	5.48
"	376.	" "	79.	Henry A. Roth, Oct. 7–8, 1896, clearing pipe, .	3.51
"	377.	" "	57.	Max Sheld, Sept. 11, 1896, glazing, . . .	6.19
"	378.	" "	5.	Max Sheld, Sept. 10, 1896, glazing, . . .	6.88
"	379.	" "	36.	P. Sullivan, Oct. 20, 1896, clothes hooks. . .	6.63
"	380.	" "	63.	J. F. Valois, Oct. 17, 1896, tuning piano. . .	3.25

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, the following named appropriations were made for payment of bills incurred as an emergency:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

App.	381.	P. S. No. 42.—Treasurer Police Dept. City of N. Y., Oct. 23, 1896, testing boilers,	$4.00
"	382.	119th St. and Madison ave., Police Dept., testing boiler, Oct. 26, . . .	4.00
"	383.	P. S. No. 21.—Police Dept., testing boilers, Oct. 27, 1896, ...	4.00
"	384.	G. S. No. 5.—Police Dept., testing boilers, Oct. 29, 1896, ...	2.00
"	385.	G. S. No. 10.—Police Dept., testing boilers, Oct. 29, 1896, ...	2.00
"	386.	G. S. No. 42.—John Byrns, July 28, 1896, repairing W. C., ...	2.50
"	387.	P. S. No. 43.—John A. Shipf, Oct. 5, 1896, putting up stoves, ...	47.20

App. 388. G. S. No. 90.—Richmond School Furniture Co., Oct. 17, 1896, ink well covers, . $11.68
" 389. G. S. No. 96.—Pierce & Miller Engineering Co., Oct. 20, 1896, valve stem on engine, 7.50
" 390. G. S. No. 87.—M. Goldin, Sept. 10, 1896, glazing, ... 13.65
" 391. G. S. No. 54.—M. Goldin, Sept. 10, 1896, glazing, ... 12.19

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

App. 7. The Tucker File Co., Sept. 25, 1896, file for office of Superintendent of School Buildings, 85.00

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported having made the following appropriations:

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND.

App. 188. G. S. No. 10.—New section in radiator, . $33.50
" 189. G. S. No. 6.— " " " . 33.50
" 190. G. S. No. 64.—Concreting and plumbing, 300.00
" 191. G. S. No. 54.—Repairing gas leaks, . 34.00

Approved.

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, the following named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

App. 392. G. S. No. 3. Wardrobes, . . . $35.00
" 393. " " 10. Faucets, ... 36.00
" 394. " " 10. Door checks and springs, 46.00
" 395. " " 14. Iron fence, ... 60.00
" 396. " " 14. Furniture repairs, . . . 31.25
" 397. " " 16. Blackboards, . . . 57.43
" 398. " " 17. Chairs, ... 56.00
" 399. " " 32. Venetian blinds, . . 54.00
" 400. " " 35. Heating pupils' closet, . 56.00
" 401. " " 38. Slates, Item I., . . . 99.50
" 402. " " 38. Furniture, Item II., . . 24.00

App.	403.	G. S. No. 40.	Sheaves on wardrobe doors,		$24.50
"	404.	" " 40.	Stoves in W. C.,		35.00
"	405.	" " 40.	Repairing workshop benches,		17.00
"	406.	" " 45.	Roof, sidewalk, fence,		110.00
"	407.	" " 45.	Blackboards,		149.24
"	408.	" " 45.	Removing book closets,		26.00
"	409.	" " 49.	Repairs, etc.,		45.00
"	410.	" " 59.	Blackboards, ,		22.44
"	411.	" " 61.	Fence work, repairs, etc.,		80.00
"	412.	" " 63.	Plank walk,		45.00
"	413.	" " 63.	Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		20.00
"	414.	" " 69.	Air springs on doors,		17.50
"	415.	" " 70.	Furniture,		87.50
"	416.	" " 71.	Sanitary work,		19.00
"	417.	" " 73.	Blinds, etc.,		19.50
"	418.	" " 77.	Repairs, etc.,		32.00
"	419.	" " 86.	Repairing roof,		55.00
"	420.	" " 94.	" W. C. seats,		22.95
"	421.	" " 95.	" ceilings,		72.00
"	22.	P. S. No. 13.	Iron railing,		28.00
"	23.	" " 19.	Repairs to roof,		20.00
"	24.	" " 27.	" "		47.00
"	25.	" " 39.	Slates,		69.30
"	26.	" " 45.	Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		16 00

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

App.	8.	G. S. No. 64.	Furniture,	$289 00
"	9.	P. S. No. 39.	"	306 50
"	10.	G. S. No. 97.	"	357 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

App.	122.	P. S. No. 14.	Repairs to heating apparatus,	$297 00
"	123.	P. S. No. 27.	Repairs to heating apparatus,	214 00

SPECIAL ALTERATIONS, JANITOR'S APARTMENTS.

App. 22. P. S. No. 20. Alterations, etc., . $735 00

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent the following named appropriation was made from the "Buildings Contingent Fund" to pay a bill for emergency work:

App. 192. G. S. No. 15. H. Hartman, Mason work, Oct. 3, ... $110.30.

G. S. No. 37.—Consideration of the matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips was laid over.

From Peter N. Phillips appointing Mr. Henry F. Tostevin as his representative in determining value of extra work on his contract for work at G. S. No. 37.

Placed on file.

From Mr. Ralph S. Townsend accepting the position of Arbitrator in the matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips, for work at G. S. No. 37.

Placed on file.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADMAS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The consideration of the approval of the Minntes of the last session was laid over.

In answer to an advertisement soliciting proposals for the erection of a new school buildiug on Trinity avenue between One Hundred and thirty-fifth and One Hundred and thirty-sixth streets, the following named proposals were received:

1. P. J. Brennan	$129,489
2. Thomas Cockerill & Son	139,900
3. Harry McNally	126,900
4. P. J. Walsh	130,000
5. William J. Moran	140,000
6. M. E. Phillips	128,944
7. P. Gallagher	136,539
8. Luke A. Burke	133,000

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the contract be awarded to Harry McNally, the lowest bidder, at the sum of $126,900, and that the Board of Educatlon be requested to provide the necessary funds for the purpose of carrying out the contract

Adopted.

In response to an advertisement soliciting proposals for supplying new pianos for Grammar Schools Nos. 30, 66 and 103, the following named proposals were received:

John C. Schleischer, 7 Square, $1,640; 3 Upright, $660.

Hardman, Peck & Co., 7 Square and 3 Upright, $2,700.

John Christman, 7 Square at $242.50 each; 3 Upright at $237.50 each

Louis J. Joscelyn, 3 Upright at $265 each=$795.

The matter of making an award of contract was laid over.

The CHAIRMAN, to whom the matter was referred with power on November 2, 1896, the awarding of the contract for supplying three square and two upright pianos, reported that he had accepted the proposal of Hardman, Peck & Co., they having subsequently agreed to supply the same at a cost of $270 each, making a total of $1,350.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Chairman be approved, and that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary funds ($1,350) to enable the Committee to carry out the contract.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT submitted a list of schools, recommended by the City Superintendent, in which Kindergarten classes can be established.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent for examination and report.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that hereafter all proposals received by the Superintendents of School Buildings for work which will exceed in cost the sum of $500 shall be opened by the Committee.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 41.—The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix of P. S. No. 41 was again laid over.

G. S. No. 87.—The consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors, was again laid over to await the return of the City Superintendent.

Matter of supplying Principals with order books:

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that order books similar to those used by the Inspectors, be supplied the Janitors, and that they, with the approval of the Principal of the Senior Department, may order emergency work only, expense not to exceed $10 in any one case, and that the following rules be printed in such books:

To the Janitor holding this Emergency Order Book:

I. You are limited to an amount of $10 on each order given by you for emergency work.

II. Emergency work means such work as cannot be done by this office in time to prevent risk of loss of life, health or comfort of the pupils and teachers of your School.

III. Each order given by you must be approved by the Principal of the Senior Department in your School to make same valid.

IV. Write order plainly on Order Blank (white sheet), and give the same to appropriate and responsible mechanic in the neighborhood of your School. The price must be reasonable. Retain tissue sheet in Order Book, and immediately forward yellow leaf to this office, stating on said yellow slip the estimated cost of the work on each order.

V. For direction of using Order Book see inside of cover.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Sup't of School Buildings.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a list of tools which will be required for the Janitor of school building, etc.

Ordered, That the list be referred to the Committee on Supplies with a request that it be added to the Supply List.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a tabulated list of proposals received for supplying American window glass, second quality, showing J. Fitzpatrick & Co. to be the lowest bidders.

Ordered, That the list be referred to the Committee on Sup-

plies with a request that window glass be added to the Supply List.

G. S. No. 89.—From Wm. C. Valentine, Janitor, resigning his position, to take effect on the appointment of his successor.

Accepted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that at the next meeting of the Board he would nominate David H. Pierce for appointment to the position of Janitor of G. S. No. 89, *vice* Valentine, resigned.

Approved.

G. S. No. 89.—From Wm. C. Valentine asking to be excused for absence from duty at G. S. No. 89, on October 27, 28 and 29, 1896, on account of illness.

Granted with full pay.

G. S. No. 61.—The Deputy Superintendent recommended an appropriation of $677 from the fund "Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, Changes and Repairs of" for heating apparatus work to be done in G. S. No. 61.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the Deputy Superintendent make a personal inspection and investigation as to necessity for the work being done, and report to the Chairman, and when such report shall have been made, the matter of making an appropriation be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 37.—Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips for erecting Annex, etc.

The Chairman reported that the Arbitrators had not as yet arrived at any decision in the matter, but that the matter was still under consideration.

I. P. S. No. 19—One Hundred and thirty-fifth street, near Eighth avenue—Matter of ability to renew the lease of premises after February 1, 1897. (See Minutes p. 323).

The Deputy Superintendent reported that "at the request of the Chairman, I have written to Mr. Carl Just, one of the owners of the property, asking if he would lease the same for three years and consent to keep the roof in repair; also if he would put a new roof on the building, provided the Board of Education took a three years' lease."

Laid over.

II. Offer of the Board of Trustees of the Willett street M. E. Church, situated between Grand and Broome streets, of that building for school purposes, at a rental of $1,200 per year.

III. From Good Government Club E, in reference to page 66 of Pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, to the effect that all Churches in the Fifteenth Assembly District, will gladly allow their buildings to be used for Kindergartens.

IV. G. S. No. 10.—From Ernest R. Birkins, Principal, for permission to use rooms in the school for meeting of Associations of Male Assistants and Assistant Teachers.

V. From A. Disbecker, Chairman of Inspectors of the Twenty-first District, recommending that the late Trustees' room in G. S. No. 58 be fitted up for a classroom.

The City Superintendent submitted the following report in conjunction with the five preceding applications:

OFFICE OF THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT,
NEW YORK, *November 9th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In regard to communications received permit me to report as follows:

I.—Primary School No. 19 has now or had a month ago 551 pupils on register. In my judgment it is necessary to lease the building for another term.

II.—The renting of Willett street Church, if said church conforms to the building laws, is advisable as there are now over 800 children on the refused list in the Thirteenth Ward.

III.—In answer to the Good Government Club, I would recommend the acceptance of the offers of the Federation of

Churches of the 15th Assembly District in every case where the building laws are satisfactorily complied with, if there is no kindergarten in a nearby public school.

IV.—I recommend that permission be given to the Teachers' Organization to use rooms in Grammar School No. 10 for the purposes of their work.

V.—I would recommend that the room referred to in communication No. 4, vacated by the trustees, be used as a class room if suitable from a sanitary point of view.

In regard to the request of Principal Birkins to use the dynamo referred to in his letter, I recommend that permission be given to him to use it for the purposes mentioned in his letter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

II.—Commissioner PRENTISS moved to recommend to the Board the leasing of the lecture room and three classes of the Willett street M. E. Church for a term of two years at an annual rental of $1,200, including heat, light, services of janitor and proper sanitary accommodations, provided the Department of Buildings will consent to the use of said premises for school purposes.

Adopted.

III.—The matter of the communication from Good Government Club E, with reference to pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, &c., was referred to the Deputy Superintendent for examination and report.

IV.—In the matter of the application of Ernest R. Birkins, Principal G. S. No. 10, for permission to use rooms in the school building for meetings of Association of Teachers, Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that the application be granted.

Adopted.

V.—The matter of fitting up the late Trustees' room in G. S. No. 58, was referred to the Deputy Superintendent for report.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted the following report on property offered for temporary school accommodations:

NEW YORK, *November 9th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully report that the following property has been offered for temporary school accommodations, in addition to that already reported:

A. Property which is under consideration:

No. 316-318 East Ninety-six street.

B. Property not in conformity with the Building Laws:

No. 187–189 Cherry street.

No. 302 East Ninety-six street.

No. 242–252 East One hundred and twenty-second street.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Placed on file.

P. S. No. 37.—With reference to allowing the Janitor an additional allowance for salary from February 1, 1896, under the by-laws.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that under the by-laws the Janitor was entitled to an annual salary of $871, from February 1, 1896.

Approved.

G. S. No. 63.—From the Fairmount Improvement Association with reference to the crowded condition of G. S. No. 63.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the Inspectors of his department are examining property in the neighborhood as to its suitability for school purposes. * * * The new school building now in cause of erection at Anthony and Tremont avenues, will, we believe, relieve the crowded condition of the school, and it is expected the new structure will be completed about September, 1897.

Placed on file.

The matter of leases which will shortly expire was taken up. No. 160 Elm street, occupied as annex to Hall of the Board, will expire February 1, 1897, annual rental $1,700.

The Clerk was directed to notify the owner that the premises will be required for an additional year on the same terms as the lease now in force.

One Hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue, Branch of G. S. No. 85.—Will expire March 15, 1897, rental $1,000 and Croton tax.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

Webster avenue and Suburban street, Branch of G. S. No. 64. —Will expire January 1, 1897, annual rental $780.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

Matter of bills incurred by the late School Trustees prior to July 1, 1896, from the incidental expense account of Ward Schools, in violation of section 66, of the by-laws as amended April 1st, the Superintendent not having been consulted. The Deputy Superintendent reported that the bills are being examined by the Inspectors.

The Superintendent submitted a proposed amendment to the contract made between the Committee on Buildings, parties of the first part, Mahony Bros., and their sureties, parties of the second and third parts, for alterations, etc., at Grammar School No. 20, viz.:

"That in lieu of furnishing metal ceilings in passage, west wing and new flooring in library, as called for in specification, the said parties of the second part will paint side walls and ceilings of exit, lay balance of flooring in same and finish portion of Janitor's office." No extra charge.

Approved.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 10.—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground

Cable Co., contractors; dated February 1, 1896; extended to April 27, 1896.

G. S. No. 13.—Repairs, etc, Cornelius Manning, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to November 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 29.—Repairs, etc., John Law, contractor; dated June 2, 1896; extended to November 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 31.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated June 5, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 31.—Repairs, etc., Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated May 25, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 39 —Repairs, etc., John Law, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 4, 1896.

G. S. No. 61.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated June 5, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 70.—Furniture, Richmond School Furniture Co., contractors; dated July 16, 1896; extended to November 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 94.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated July 20, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 94.—Sanitary; Christopher Nally, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to October 29, 1896.

G. S. No. 95.—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; dated February 1, 1896; extended to April 27, 1896.

P. S. No. 1.—Repairs, etc., Cornelius Manning, contractor; dated May 8, 1896; extended to November 5, 1896.

P. S. No. 3.—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated September 23, 1896; extended to October 30, 1896.

P. S. No. 21.—Heating apparatus, John Spence, contractor; dated July 10, 1896; extended to November 5, 1896.

P. S. No. 28.—Repairs, etc., C. E. Falvey, contractor; dated June 15, 1896; extended to November 4, 1896.

P. S. No. 30.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated June 5, 1896; extended to November 2, 1896.

P. S. No. 37.—Fire alarm connections, Standard Underground Cable Co., contractors; dated February 17, 1896; extended to May 13, 1896.

P. S. No. 36.—Alterations to Janitor's apartments, Patrick Sullivan, contractor; dated September 22, 1896; extended to November 6, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final payments on contracts:

G. S. No. 10.	—Standard Underground Cable Co., fire alarm connections	$271	03
" "	13.—Cornelius Manning, repairs	856	00
" "	29.—John Law, repairs	268	00
" "	31.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., furniture	548	80
" "	31.—Patrick Sullivan, repairs	750	00
" "	39.—John Law, repairs	968	00
" "	61.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., furniture	488	00
" "	70.—Richmond School Furniture Co., furniture	950	00
" "	94.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., furniture	587	00
" "	94.—Christopher Nally, sanitary	845	00
" "	95.—Standard Underground Cable Co., fire alarm connections	480	45
P. S. No.	1.—Cornelius Manning, repairs	740	00
" "	3.—Mahony Bros., repairs	850	00
" "	21.—John Spence, heating apparatus	666	00
" "	28.—C. E. Falvey, repairs	893	00
" "	30.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., furniture	689	50
" "	37.—Standard Underground Cable Co., fire alarm connections	191	25
" "	36.—Patrick Sullivan, altering Janitor's apartments	570	00

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, the following named appropriations were made, three estimates having been made in each case, and the amount being for the lowest bidder:

"HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF."

App. No.		
124.	P. S. No. 43—Heating apparatus,	$597 00
125.	G. S. No 19—Heating closets,	231 00
126.	G. S. No. 74— " "	211 00

"BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND."

199.	G. S. No. 95—Concreting, etc.,	$590 00

"FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF."

11.	P. S. No. 43—Furniture,	$255 00
12.	G. S. No. 95— "	259 20

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427.	G. S. No. 9—Furniture repairs,	$10 85
428.	G. S. No. 15—Repairs, etc.,	24 00
429.	G. S. No. 15.—Venetian blinds,	74 00
430.	G. S. No. 22.—Heating apparatus	$48 00
431.	" " 22.—Sanitary repairs	69 00
432.	" " 25.—Blackboards	29 50
433.	" " 38.—Carpets	60 00
434.	" " 42.—Repairs to Venetian blinds	32 00
435.	" " 43.—Furniture	79 00
436.	" " 47.—Heating new W. C.	135 00
437.	" " 49.—Shades	14 94
438.	" " 52.—Desks, etc.	124 00
439.	" " 54.—Furniture	160 00
440.	" " 65.—Heating drying room	45 00
441.	" " 67.—Repairs, etc.	25 00
442.	" " 68.—Alterations to heating apparatus	95 00
443.	" " 68.—W. C. bowl	13 75
444.	" " 72.—Gas pendants	63 00
445.	" " 83.—Furniture	79 50
446.	" " 83.—Plumbing	21 75
447.	" " 86.—Repairing roof, girls' W. C.	29 00
448.	" " 95.—Repairs, etc.	25 00

App. No.		
449.	G. S. No. 97.—Repairs to heating apparatus .	$35 00
450.	" " 101.—Plumbing	35 83
451.	P. S. No. 3.—Furniture	125 80
452.	" " 6.—Repairs, etc. . . .	12 00
453.	" " 10.—Sliding doors . . .	19 00
454.	" " 14.—Furniture	183 00
455.	" " 17.—Concreting	15 00
456.	" " 21.—Furniture repairs . . .	18 50
457.	" " 29.—Stoves, etc.	58 00
458.	" " 32.—Sanitary repairs . . .	92 00
459.	" " 33.—Shades and furniture . .	27 00
460.	" " 43.—Repairs, etc.	47 50
461.	" " 44.—Fence, etc.	20 00
462.	" " 44.—Repairs, etc.	23 00

The Deputy Superintendent reported having made the following appropriations from the Buildings Contingent Fund:—

App. No.		
193.	P. S. No. 32.—Front entrance fence, etc. .	$120 00
195.	G. S. No. 1.—Plumbing, concreting, etc. .	43 00
196.	G. S. No. 32.—Repairs, etc.	25 00
197.	G. S. No. 25.—Belt in engine . . .	41 50

Approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

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Present—Commissioners HURLBURT, ADAMS, AGAR and PRENTISS.

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area. I would therefore recommend that it be fitted up for the purpose.

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P. S. No. 6.—No. 222 Mott street. Kindergarten room has been ready for some time, and can be used at any time the City Superintendent may designate.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

P. S. No. 41.—The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix, was again laid over.

Annex G. S. No. 37.—Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips, was again laid over.

App. No. 127, G. S. No. 61.—The Chairman to whom was referred the recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, of an appropriation of $677, from the fund "Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, etc.," November 9 (Minutes, p. 340), for supplying heating apparatus, reported that after examination he found that the work was necessary and the amount reasonable, and that he had authorized the expenditure on November 13, 1896, and that the work had been given to the lowest bidder.

Approved.

P. S. 19.—Matter of rehiring premises at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue.

A communication was received from Mr. Henry J. Appel, Jr., attorney for the owners, notifying the Board that the owners will not put a new roof on the building and guarantee to keep same in repair, in case the Board should decide to take a lease for three years at $5,000; but in lieu thereof will give a lease

for the term of one year, to commence at the expiration of the present lease, at a rental of $4,750.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 64, Annex.—Webster avenue and Suburban street. Matter of renewing lease.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a report be made to the Board in favor of rehiring the premises in question for one year, from January 1st, 1897, at an annual rental of $780.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 58.—From A. Disbecker, Chairman Board of Inspectors for the Twenty-first District, suggesting that the former Trustees' room be fitted up as a class room.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that it would cost $1,200 to $1,500 to put the room in proper condition to receive a class, and inasmuch as we expect to acquire land in the rear of the school for light and air, and when title is received to the same, extensive alteration and changes will be made in the present school building, and recommended that the matter be laid over until that time.

The recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent was approved.

No. 182 AND 184 CHERRY STREET.—From Mr. S Proskey, proposing to lease the premises for school purposes, for a term of three years at a rental of $4,900 per annum, giving this Board option for two years more, namely, 1900 and 1901, on the same terms; this Board to give notice, in writing, six months' prior to December 15, 1899. The building to be altered per our plans, and to comply with the Building Laws of the City in making such alterations. The Board, after taking possession, to make all repairs and such alterations as it may need. He to keep roof in repair.

Referred to the Chairman, to secure a reduction in the rent if possible.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *November* 16, 1896.

HON. JOSEPH J. LITTLE,

Chairman, Committee on Buildings.

DEAR SIR: I respectfully forward to you the following report in reference to the matters of temporary school accommodations, which are contained in a letter addressed to you by his Honor, the Mayor, under date of November 10th, 1896:

(*a*) Offer of premises by First Presbyterian Church, near One Hundred and seventy-fourth street and Washington avenue. The Church offers its Sunday School room to lease for temporary school use; room is about 70x30 feet; good light, with two small ante-rooms; playground on each side of Church about 50x125 feet; closets can be provided for on rear of lot; room heated by furnace and will accommodate about *three hundred* children. Term of lease offered is two years at $2,500 per annum, to include light, heat and service of janitor.

(*b*) Seventy-first street and Boulevard.

Rev. A. M. Taylor, Rector of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, offers a room fronting on both above streets, which will accommodate about *one hundred and eighty* children. There will be no connection with the Chapel. Use of room, including light and heat, are offered by the church authorities, who refuse to accept any rental.

(*c*) One Hundred and forty-second street and Alexander avenue. St. Mary's P. E. Church offers a Sunday School building to lease for school purposes which will accommodate about *three hundred and fifty* children. Will provide heat, light and janitor's service. Terms to be communicated to us as soon as a Vestry meeting is held, to ascertain if room for the sanitary arrangements can be obtained on the adjoining lot in the rear of the church property.

The City Superintendent has been consulted in regard to the three cases above mentioned, and reports that additional school accommodations are urgently needed in the localities named.

Inspection of these premises has been made, and a recommendation will be made to the Committee on Buildings that they be

secured for School use (subject to the approval of the Department of Buildings), if proper terms of lease are agreed upon.

(*d*) No. 467 Fourth avenue. Unoccupied store. City Superintendent reports this to be a non-congested district, and the owner has been notified to that effect.

Beg to acknowledge the receipt this A. M. from you of two communications from his Honor, the Mayor, containing offers of premises for temporary school use, which will be examined and reported upon without delay.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Sup't of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the offer of the First Presbyterian Church, near One Hundred and seventy-fourth street and Washington avenue, to lease the Sunday School Room for a term of two years, at rental of $2,500 per year, including light, heat and service of Janitor, be accepted, provided the Department of Buildings will consent to the use of the same for school purposes.

Adopted.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the gratuitious offer of Rev. A. M. Taylor, rector of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Seventy-first street and Boulevard, of a room fronting on both above streets, including light and heat, without rental, be accepted, provided the Department of Buildings consent to its use for school purposes.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the thanks of the Committee be extended to Rev. A. M. Taylor for his liberal offer.

Adopted.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the matter of St. Mary's P. E. Church, leasing a Sunday School Building at One Hundred and forty-second street and Alexander avenue, be referred back to the Deputy Superintendent.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 77.—Complaint of Miss Julia Richman, Principal of the Female Department, against Edward Cassin, Janitor.

Mr. Cassin was present and heard.

Ordered, That the complaint be placed on file.

G. S. No. 15.—From the Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning Department, transmitting a complaint made by an Assistant Foreman in the Department, against Cornelius Clifford, Janitor, for not complying with the Street Cleaning ordinance.

Mr Clifford was present and instructed that hereafter he must comply with all City and State ordinances.

NEW SCHOOL ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH STREET AND MADISON ANENUE—From E. Rutzler, contractor for supplying the heating and ventilating apparatus, etc., for the new school building, at One Hundred and nineteenth street and Madison avenue, asking that his contract be amended so as to divide the last payment, $6,785, into two payments, as follows:

" 7th. When the work is substantially completed . . $6,000
" 8th. When work is completed . . . . . 785"
(No extra charge).

Approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The minutes of the meetings held Nov. 2d and 9th were amended as follows:

P. 330.—Appropriation No. 346 to read "$9.38" instead of "$9.36."

P. 338.—Bottom line on the page, by striking out "City Superintendent," and inserting in lieu thereof "Superintendent of School Buildings."

The minutes of the meeting held November 2d, 9th, and 16th, as printed, and amended, were approved.

G. S. No. 87.—Consideration of matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors.

Laid over to await the return of the Superintendent.

Matter of paying bills incurred by the late School Trustees prior to July 1st, 1896, from Incidental Expense Account, in violation of Section 66 of the by-laws as amended April 1st.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had placed the bills in the hands of Inspectors for report as to charges, and was not prepared to report at this session.

Laid over.

From Michael Doherty making claim for money due him for work done for a sub-contractor (Donaldson), on contract of John Law, for work on G. S. No. 68.

A communication was received from Mr. John Law, the contractor, stating that he would see that the claim was adjusted.

Placed on file.

The Deputy Superintendent presented the following named bills for services of Janitors and recommended their payment:

Sylvester Gougherty, G. S. No. 1, Sept 16 to 25, . $30.60
Bernard Byrne, G. S. No 9, Sept. 17 and 18, . . 6.07

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bills be paid.

Matter of printing order books for Janitors, in which to order emergency repairs not to exceed $10—with the approval of the Principal of the Senior Department of the School.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted an estimate from Philip Hano & Co., which was accepted.

G. S. No. 88.—From Miss F. I. Murray, Principal Female Department, asking that the Janitor, Mr. Walter Garrigan be excused for absence from duty for a part of the day, November 12th, on account of the death of his little son.

The Chairman reported that he had granted this request with full pay.

Approved.

The matter of leasing the premises Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street, for school purposes at rental of $4,900 per annum, was referred to the Chairman to secure a deduction in the rent, if possible.

P. S. No. 19.—One Hundred and thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue—matter of renewing the lease.

Commissioner AGAR reported progress.

Premises One Hundred and second street and First avenue.—The Superintendent reported that Mr. Otto Volkening had refused to lease his premises (at $4,800) as authorized on page 1297 of the Minutes of the Board of Education, and now offers to lease the same at an annual rental of $6,000, payable quarterly,

and croton water tax; owner to keep roof in repair and pay all other taxes, alter the building to suit our needs and the requirements of the Building Department, and give possession on January 15, 1896.

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the action of the Board in authorizing the leasing of the premises in question, as per resolution (Journal, p. 1297), be rescinded, and the present offer be accepted.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board instructing the Clerk of the Board to acknowledge with thanks, on the part of the Board, all gratuitous offers of premises for temporary school accommodations.

Granted.

The matter of the article which appeared in the newspapers on November 16th and 17th, from Rev. Dr. Peters, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue, in which it is claimed that his Vestrymen had offered buildings to the Board for temporary school accommodation, gratuitously, and that the Board had taken no action in the matter, was taken up.

The PRESIDENT of the Board was present, and stated that he had laid before the Mayor all the facts in the case.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a copy of the facts as presented by the President be submitted to the Board with a request that it be printed in full in the Minutes, and also with a statement that two additional sites have been or are about being acquired in the neighborhood for the erection of buildings to relieve the congested District.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had made careful inquiry as to the ability and responsibility of Mr. P. J. Brennan to execute the contract for erecting the new school

building on Henry, Oliver and Catharine streets, for which he was the lowest bidder (see Minutes of November 9th, p. 337) and submitted a list of Architects and Builders who recommended Mr. Brennan as a competent bidder.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. P. J. Brennan for the sum of $268,750, he being the lowest bidder, and that the Board of Education be requested to confirm this award and secure the necessary appropriation to enable the Committee to carry out the contract.

Adopted.

The consideration of the matter of awarding the contract for supplying 10 pianos, was again laid over.

Ordered, That the Finance Committee be requested to secure in the Budget for 1897, an increase of $4,000 for making repairs and alterations to P. S. No. 21, which are absolutely necessary, and were not included in the regular Budget.

Ordered, That a report be made to the Board recommending the adoption of an additional rule governing duties of Janitor to be known as 24*a* viz :

"24*a*. To expend for emergent repairs, provided said expenditure be approved in writing by the Principal of the Senior Department of the school, a sum not in excess of $10. It being understood that emergency work means such work as cannot be done by the Building Department of this Board in time to prevent risk of loss of life, health or comfort of the pupils and teachers of the school. Such expenditures to conform to rules provided by the Committee on Buildings."

An extension of time for the completion of the following named contracts was granted :

G. S. No. 12.—Alteration to Janitor's Apartments. Mahony Bros., contractors; dated Sep. 21, 1896; extended to Nov. 12, 1896.

G. S. No. 43.—Repairs, etc. Mahony Bros., contractors; dated, July 18, 1896; extended to Nov. 13, 1896.

G. S. No. 44 —Alterations to Janitor's Apartments. John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated Sept. 23, 1896; extended to Nov. 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 47.—Sanitary. Alfred Nugent & Son, contractors; dated June 25, 1896; extended to November 7, 1896.

G. S. No. 51.—Alteration, repairs, etc. John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 12, 1896.

G. S. No. 52.—Alterations, repairs, etc. Mahony Bros. contractors; dated July 18. 1896; extended to Nov. 13, 1896.

G. S. No. 71.—Repairs, alterations, etc., John F. Johnson, contractor; dated May 25, 1896; extended to Nov. 4 1896.

G. S. No. 77.—Heating and ventilating. E. Rutzler, contractor; dated June 12, 1896; extended to Nov. 7, 1896.

G. S. No. 79.—Alterations, repairs, etc. Cornelius Manning, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 6, 1896.

G. S. No. 89.—Alterations, repairs, etc. Mahony Bros., contractors; dated July 18, 1896; extended to Nov. 4, 1896.

P. S. No. 4.—Repairs, etc. John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 5, 1896.

P. S. No. 20.—Repairs, etc. Mahony Bros., contractors; dated June 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 2, 1896.

P. S. No. 29.—Repairs, etc. John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 13, 1896.

P. S. No. 35.—Alterations, etc. John Valentine, contractor; dated July 20, 1896; extended to Nov. 12, 1896.

P. S. No. 30.—Sanitary. Christopher Nally, contractor; dated June 22, 1896; extended to Oct. 31, 1896.

Eighty-eighth street.—New Building.—Westerly half.—On final payment.—Harry McNally, contractor; dated March 19, 1895; extended to October 30, 1896.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following-named specifications:

G. S. No. 25.—Improving premises and new lots; heating apparatus, furniture, etc., Nov. 14.

G. S. Nos. 97 and 101.—Alterations, repairs and erection of new iron and stone stairs, Nov. 14.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

Commissioner ADAMS made a verbal report to the effect that Mr. Jacob Ruppert, owner of premises corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue, had filed with the Clerk of this Board a lease of said premises, not made in accordance with the understanding had with him, and that the Clerk had returned the lease to Mr. Ruppert.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 12.—Mahony Bros., altering Janitor's apartments	$220
G. S. No 43.—Mahony Bros., repairs, etc.	840
G. S. No. 44.—J. H. Goetschius, altering, etc., Janitor's apartments	850
G. S. No. 47.—Alfred Nugent & Son, sanitary	1,000
G. S. No. 51.—John H. Goetschius, repairs, etc.	1,197
G. S. No. 52.—Mahony Bros., repairs, etc.	1,100
G. S. No. 71.—John F. Johnson, repairs, etc.	889
G. S. No. 77.—E. Rutzler, heating and ventilating	7,696
G. S. No. 79.—Cornelius Manning, repairs, etc.	1,030
G. S. No. 89.—Mahony Bros., repairs, etc.	770
P. S. No. 4.—Jno. H. Goetschius, repairs, etc.	1,100
P. S. No. 20.—Mahony Bros., repairs, etc.	760
P. S. No. 29.—Jno. H. Goetschius, repairs, etc.	600
P. S. No. 35.—John Valentine, repairs, etc.	846
P. S. No. 30.—Christopher Nally, sanitary	1,100
Eighty-eighth street.—New building, Harry McNally—Erecting	13,783

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent the following-named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF WARD SCHOOLS.

App. No.		
463.	G. S. No. 20.—Slates and furniture, repairs	$25 60
464.	G. S. No. 43.—Repairs, etc.	15 00
465.	G. S. No. 49.—Sanitary repairs	28 50
466.	G. S. No. 68.—Blackboards	63 20
467.	G. S. No. 87.—Skylight, repairs, etc.	75 00
468.	G. S. No. 20.—Furniture	145 60
469.	G. S. No. 20.—Platform at flag pole	22 00
470.	G. S. No. 34.—Desks	143 53
471.	G. S. No. 36.—Furniture	67 50
472.	G. S. No. 38.—Heating closets	66 00
473.	G. S. No. 55.—Covering steam pipes	22 00
474.	G. S. No. 56.—Furniture and blinds	171 00
475.	G. S. No. 72.—Furniture	35 60
476.	G. S. No. 79.—Furniture	70 00
477.	G. S. No. 85.—Repairs, etc.	159 00
478.	G. S. No. 96.—Repair, etc., heating apparatus	55 00
479.	P. S. No. 21.—Heating stairways	147 00
480.	P. S. No. 34.—Heating new closets	142 00

G. S. No. 85 Annex.—The consideration of the matter of renewing the lease of the Annex, corner One Hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue, which will expire on March 15, 1897, was laid over.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had made the following appropriations from the "Buildings Contingent Fund:"

App. No.		
198.	G. S. No. 94 Annex.—Curtains, poles, etc.	$84 25
200.	G. S. No. 94 Annex.—Stove work	70 00
201.	P. S. No. 26.—Fence wall, etc.	140 00
202.	G. S. No. 83 Annex.—Resetting door cap, etc.	21 00
203.	G. S. No. 92.—Restoring pavement	16 85
204.	G. S. No. 67.—Belt and belt dressing	48 00

Approved.

The consideration of the application of Peter N. Phillips for the following named payments on his contracts for work on G. S. No. 37 and Annex: 2d payment on old building, $11,000, 3d payment on Annex, $11,000, was laid over.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—4.

The CHAIRMAN was excused for non-attendance at this session.

182 and 184 CHERRY STREET—The Acting Chairman to whom was referred with power, the matter of leasing the premises Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street, for temporary school accommodations, reported that the owner had consented to reduction in the rental from $4,900 to $4,750 per annum, the other terms of the lease to be same as reported in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held November 17, 1896.

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board the leasing of premises Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street, for school accommodation, for a term of three years from December 15th, 1896, at a yearly rental of $4,750, payable quarterly, giving the Board the option of two additional years at same rental; this Board to give six months notice prior to December 15, 1899, of its intention to renew the lease. The building to be altered by the owner as per our plans, and to comply with the laws of the Department of Building in making such alterations, owner to keep roof in repair; this Board after taking possession to make all repairs and alterations.

Adopted.

The Acting Chairman was authorized to introduce a resolution at the meeting of the Board to be held this P. M. giving this Committee authority to advertise in the *City Record*, for ten

days, for proposals for supplying furniture for fitting up the following named buildings for temporary use, viz: One Hundred and second street 76 feet west of northwest corner of First avenue and Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street.

The consideration of the matter of awarding the contract for supplying ten pianos for G. S. Nos. 30, 66 and 103 was again laid over.

From Mr. S. V. R. Cruger offering to lease the premises at Fifty-second street and Lexington avenue for school purposes.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the offer be declined, the premises not being located in a congested district, and that Commissioner Prentiss be authorized to acknowledge the receipt of the offer and express the thanks of this Committee for the proposition.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 19—One Hundred and thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue.—Matter of renewing the lease.

Commissioner AGAR, to whom the matter was referred, presented a communication from Mr. Henry J. Appel, Jr., attorney for the owners, consenting to a renewal of the lease for two years from February 1, 1897, at a yearly rental of $4,750 for the first year and $5,000 for the second year, the other provisions of the lease to be the same as those now in force.

Commissioner AGAR moved that terms be accepted, and reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

Commissioner AGAR moved that hereafter the Committee hold sessions on Thursday of each week at 4:30 P.M., for the purpose of considering offers of lease of premises for school purposes.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—3.

The Chairman was excused for non-attendance at this session.

Consideration of hiring and fitting up the store and basement of premises No. 144 Grand street adjoining the Hall of the Board, the matter having been referred to the Committee with power, by the Board of Education at its meeting held November 18, 1896.

Ordered, That this Committee make an offer of $1,800 per annum for one year from February 1st, 1897, with option of a renewal for another year on the same terms. Board to take immediate possession, and rent not to commence until February 1, 1897, conditional upon the owners putting the floors in proper condition ; also this Board to be allowed to make openings in the walls and restore the walls to the same condition they are in at the present time upon surrendering the lease.

From the Finance Committee in reply to the request of this Committee, that provision be made, by increasing the Budget of 1897, by $4,000, for making extensive repairs, etc., to Primary School No. 21. Suggesting that there is upwards of $31,000 now available in the Buildings Contingent Fund, and that it would be preferable on the score of general economy, to set aside by resolution of the Board of Education at its next meeting sufficient to cover the aforesaid repairs ; at the same time giving the Committee authority to advertise for proposals.

Commissioner AGAR moved to recommend to the Board that

the sum of $4,000 be appropriated, reserved and set apart from the fund "Buildings Contingent Fund" 1896, to be expended hereafter in making repairs, alterations, etc., to Primary School Building No. 21; also authorizing the Committee on Buildings to advertise in the *City Record* for ten days for proposals for making the repairs, alterations, etc., above referred to.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported the offer of the following-named premises for temporary School accommodations:

Nos. 316 and 318 East Ninety-sixth street.

Room in St. Mary's P. E. Church.

Referred to Commissioner AGAR.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that statistics as submitted by the Deputy Superintendent in connection with contract for erecting a new school building at City Island, the awarding of which was laid over at last session of the Board of Education, be presented to the Board.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

The consideration of the minutes of the meetings held Sept. 16, 17, 18 and 20 was laid over.

P. S. No. 41. The consideration of the matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix, was again laid over. (Since September 14th.)

G. S. No. 87. The consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors (awaiting the return of the Superintendent of School Buildings). Laid over since Oct. 5th.

G. S. No. 37 and Annex. Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips—also assignment of contract and payments. (Awaiting report of arbitrators, and opinion of Counsel to the Corporation.)

Matter of bills incurred by the late School Trustees prior to July 1, 1896, from the incidental expense account of Ward Schools in violation of Section 66 of the By-Laws as amended April 1st, the Superintendent not having been consulted.

Referred to the Superintendent Oct. 12, and now awaiting report of his Inspectors as to prices charged.

The Deputy Superintendent reported progress in the matter of the pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, and referred to in a communication from Good Government Club E.

G. S. No. 37 and Annex.—From Peter N. Phillips, contractor

asking for the second payment on old G. S. No. 37 of $11,000 and third payment on Annex of $11,000.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the receipt of the letter be acknowledged, and that Mr. Phillips be notified that before the Committee can proceed any further in the matter, he must file the legal consent of his bondsmen to his making the assignment of his contract to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Phillips, and by her to the Seventeenth Ward Bank.

Adopted.

The matter of awarding the contract for supplying 7 square and 3 upright pianos, was again laid over. (Proposals were opened November 9th).

With reference to hiring the store and basement of premises No. 144 Grand street, taken up.

Mr. Hess, the agent of the property was present and presented with a copy of the offer prepared by this Committee at its meeting held October 20th, (see minutes of October 20th).

Laid over to await report from Mr. Hess.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the matter of hiring the store and basement in question be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 102, CITY ISLAND.—Commissioner HURLBUT called the attention of the Committee to the fact that at the last meeting of the Board, objection having been made to the sum proposed to be appropriated for the new building, he had caused the matter to be laid over.

Approved.

G. S. 85, ANNEX.—Matter of renewing lease of premises corner 141st street and Brook avenue, lease of which will expire on March 15, 1897, present rental $1,000 per annum. (Referred to the City Superintendent, November 9th).

Laid over.

Commissioner HURLBUT presented a report from the Sub-Committee on Janitors, stating that a session was held on Friday, November 20, 1896, at 3:30 o'clock, P. M., when twenty-five Janitors, who had been summoned, appeared before it, and the various complaints were investigated and disposed of.

Accepted.

A communication was received from the Committee on Sites submitting an offer to rent premises on Market and Pike streets.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from the Committee on Sites submitting an offer from D. H. Watson with reference to renting the premises corner of Fifty-second street and Lexington avenue for school purposes.

The clerk was directed to notify Commissioner VAN ARSDALE and Mr. Watson that school accommodations are not required in this district, it not being a congested district.

No. 160 Elm Street.—A communication was received from Horace S. Ely & Co., submitting a lease of premises No. 160 Elm street, for one year from February 1, 1897, at annual rental of $1,700 and Croton water tax—same terms as are contained in the present lease.

Referred to the CHAIRMAN, with power.

The CLERK submitted an assignment made by R. McArtney, contractor for making alterations and repairs at Grammar School No. 69, to John D. Kattenhorn, of all moneys due or to grow due on his contract.

The CLERK reported that the first payment on the contract had been made, and the second or last payment had not been approved.

Laid over.

Commissioner AGAR reported that he had examined the premises Nos. 316 and 318 East Ninety-sixth street, offered for rental

at $2,600 per year, and recommended that an offer of $2,200 per annum be made.

The recommendation was adopted.

Commissioner AGAR reported that he had examined the Sunday school building of St. Mary's P. E. Church, on Alexander avenue, for which a rental of $2,500 per annum was asked, and deemed the price excessive.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the N. Y. City Mission and Tract Society have suggested the use of one or more of their chapels for temporary school accommodations as follows:

No. 17 St. Marks Place.

Olivet Church, No. 63 Second Street.

Broome Street Tabernacle, Broome and Centre streets.

De Witt Memorial Church, Rivington, near Columbia street.

These buildings are now being examined, and will be reported upon at the next meeting of the Committee.

Placed on file.

The Deputy Superintendent recommended that the bill of Frank Richter for emergency plumbing work done in Grammar School No. 87, amounting to $60, authorized by the Superintendent on April 6, 1896, be paid from the "Buildings Contingent Fund."

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a sketch plan and estimate of a typical temporary school building.

Commissioner AGAR moved that blue prints be made of the same, and a copy sent to each member of the Committee.

Adopted.

The case of the Janitors of Grammar Schools Nos. 15 and 47 was laid over.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the agreement of J. Fitzpatrick & Co. for supplying window glass could not be carried out for the reason that Mr. Fitzpatrick was a school official, and under the statute could not be interested in any contracts, and recommended that the agreement be cancelled, and that the proposal of the next lowest bidder be accepted.

The recommendations of the Deputy Superintendent were adopted.

From Henry von Minden, proposing to lease the store and part of basement of premises No. 127 Grand street for office purposes.

Placed on file.

G. S. No. 46.—From Abner B. Holly, Principal, for permission to display the weather flags presented to him by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on his school building.

Ordered, That the attention of Mr. Holley be called to Rule No. 15 regulating duties of Janitors, and state that the Committee do not care to express an opinion in the matter, but that if he so desires he may apply to the Board of Education.

The CHAIRMAN reported that in pursuance of the authority conferred upon him and the Superintendent, he had made a rent allowance for Janitors of the following-named schools:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 9, $312 per annum, to take effect from September 19, 1896.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 61, $221 per annum, to take effect December 1, 1896.

Approved.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had approved the following-named specifications:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 76, Improving new lot, etc., November 21.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS Nos. 4, 15, 18, 22, 57, Repairs, alterations, etc., November 19.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent, the following-named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.				
481.	G. S. No.	25.	—Glazing, etc.	$14 00
482.	" "	25.	—Repairs, etc.	38 50
483.	" "	32.	—Gas fixtures, etc.	25 00
484.	" "	33.	—Repairs, etc.	26 00
485.	" "	38.	—Leaders, etc.	39 00
486.	" "	43.	—Glazing, etc.	57 00
487.	" "	48.	—Repairs, etc.	35 00
488.	" "	54.	—Venetian blinds	15 36
489.	" "	59.	—Repairs, etc.	23 00
490.	" "	70.	—Scuttle	34 00
491.	" "	73.	— "	45 00
492.	" "	77.	—Repairs, etc. (Complaint No. 1161)	98 00
493.	" "	77.	— " " " " 1162)	38 00
494.	" "	78.	— " "	34 00
495.	" "	83.	— " "	27 00
496.	" "	89.	— " "	25 00
497.	" "	94.	— " "	16 75
498.	" "	98.	—Roof	35 00
499.	" "	98.	—Furniture	95 00
500.	" "	102.	—Repairs to leaders	17 00
501.	P. S. "	3.	—Partition windows	27 50
502.	" "	6.	—Stoves	119 00
503.	" "	5.	—Flagpole	35 00
504.	" "	8.	—Additional electric light	68 00
505.	" "	26.	—Repair Venetian blinds	33 00
506.	" "	28.	—Repairs, etc.	41 00
507.	" "	28.	—Hand rail	30 00
508.	" "	28.	—Gas on stairs	18 00
509.	" "	43.	—Repairing leaders	21 00
510.	" "	43.	—Flagstaff, etc.	35 00
511.	G. S. "	75.	—Treasurer Police Department, testing boiler (Oct. 3d, 1896)	2 00

512.	G. S. No. 93.—		Treasurer Police Department, testing boiler (Nov. 7th, 1896)	$2 00
513.	"	"	10.—Treasurer Police Department, testing boiler (Nov. 7) . .	2 00
514.	"	"	87.—Treasurer Police Department, testing boiler (Nov. 7) . .	2 00
515.	"	"	86.—Geo. Fox's Sons, boiler tube (Oct. 8th and 9th, 1896) . .	14 12
516.	P. S.	"	3.—The E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., clocks (Nov. 4) . .	28 00
517.	"	"	43.—Richmond School Furniture Co., setting furniture, etc, (Oct. 9)	37 61

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App. No.		
207.	P. S. No. 10.—New desks and seats . . .	$291 54

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had made the following named appropriations:

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

App. No.		
205.	P. S. No. 7.—Flushing and waste trough, etc. .	$143 00
206.	G. S. No. 6.—Belt for engine	39 40

Approved.

The consideration of the recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent of the following named appropriations was laid over:

P. S. No. 10 - Carpet and Lounge repairs, Buildings Contingent Fund, ...	$164.30
G. S. No. 88 -Altering Janitor's Apartments, . .	675.00
P. S. No. 10—Altering Janitor's Apartments, . .	760.00
G. S. No. 17—Heating Pupils' closets, . . .	365.00

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 7—Fire Alarm Connections, Standard Underground

Cable Co., contractors; dated February 17, 1896; extended to May 13, 1896.

G. S. No. 8—Heating, etc., E. Rutzler, contractor; dated June 29, 1896; extended to November 14, 1896.

G. S. No. 12—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated May 26, 1896; extended to November 4, 1896.

G. S. No. 20—Altering Janitor's apartments, Mahony Bros., contractors; dated September 21, 1896; extended to November 17, 1896.

G. S. No. 36—Alterations, etc., James Hamilton, contractor; dated May 22, 1896; extended to November 17, 1896.

G. S. No. 69—Sanitary, P. Greene, contractor; dated August 20, 1896; extended to November 16, 1896.

P. S. No. 20—Sanitary, Daniel J. Deady, contractor; dated June 27, 1896; extended to November 16, 1896.

P. S No. 40—Repairs, etc.; Mahony Bros., contractors; dated June 16, 1896: extended to November 19, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final payments on contracts:

G. S. No. 7—Standard Underground Cable Co., Fire Alarm Connection,	$867.60
G. S. No. 8—E. Rutzler, Heating, etc.,	5,362.00
G. S. No. 12—Mahony Bros., Repairs, etc.,	675.00
G. S. No. 18—Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture,	427.50
G. S. No. 20—Mahony Bros.—Altering Janitor's Apartments,	465.00
G. S. No. 36—James Hamilton, Alterations, etc.,	1,152.00
G. S. No. 69—P. Greene, Sanitary,	572.00
G. S. No. 77—Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture, Item No. 1,	431.67
P. S. No. 20—Daniel J. Deady, Sanitary,	1,035.00
P. S. No. 40—Mahony Bros., Repairs,	1,050.00

Commissioner PEASLEE appeared before the Committee and called its attention to the condition of the curb in front of G. S. No. 73 in East Forty-sixth street.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that this committee communicate with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, as to the responsibility of the contractor for asphalting the street in front of Grammar School No. 73 in East Forty-sixth street near Third avenue, in leaving the sidewalk in safe condition; also whether the contractor was responsible for relaying the first course of stone at the time he regulated this curb.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 37 and ANNEX—matter of Arbitrators on contract of Peter N. Phillips.

The Committee directed that the following correspondence be printed in the minutes:

November 11, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings, Board of Education,
No. 146 Grand street.

GENTLEMEN:—In the matter of the arbitration between the Board of Education and Mr. Phillips contractor for erecting an addition to and alteration of premises of Grammar School No. 37, East Eighty-seven street, we are informed by Mr. Henry M. Tostevin, arbitrator selected by Mr. Phillips, that he is advised by Mr. Ralph E. Townsend, arbitrator selected by your Committee, that in a comunication received from the Clerk of the Board, it is stated that a difference of opinion has arisen as to the interpretation of the contract, and the arbitrators are among other things to determine what is a fair interpretation of such contract.

Mr. Phillips does not so understand the subject of arbitration.

That he might proceed and have the building ready for occupancy on January 1st, it was necessary to do certain extra work to meet the requirements of the Board of Survey.

The cost and reasonable value of such extra work could not be

agreed upon by your Committee and Mr. Phillips, and that subject was to be determined by arbitrators.

Mr. Phillips therefore suggests that the arbitrators be informed that they are to determine the cost and reasonable value of the extra work necessary to carry out the requirements of the Board of Survey.

Very truly yours,

TRUAX & CRANDALL,
Nos. 93 to 99 Nassau street.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS,
NEW YORK, *Nov.* 12, 1896.

Messrs. TRUAX & CRANDALL,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
Nos. 93–99 Nassau street.

GENTLEMEN—Yours of the 11th instant to hand, and the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings directs me to forward to you the enclosed copy of resolution adopted by that Committee on November 2d, 1896, under which the arbitrators in the case of Mr. Peter N. Phillips, contractor for the erection of an addition to and alterations of premises G. S. No. 37 in East Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets were appointed.

You will find that this resolution distinctly states the duties of the arbitrators in reference to this case.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

The minutes of the meetings as printed, were amended as follows: November 16th, p. 348. Change name of Commissioner "Hurlburt" as printed with list of members present, so as to read "Hurlbut."

The minutes of the meetings held November 16, 17, 18 and 20, as printed and amended, were approved.

Proposition to lease the Baptist Church, Nos. 407 and 409 West Forty-third street.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the room proposed is a thoroughfare and cannot be used for Kindergarten purposes, for the reason that the children will be disturbed by people passing through the room to the Rector's room.

Referred to the City Superintendent for report.

The matter of leasing one room in the Baptist Church, Nos. 342 and 344 West Fifty-third street for a Kindergarten, was taken up.

Ordered: That said room be leased for one year at an annual rental of $200, including heat, light and service of a Janitor, provided the Department of Buildings consent to its use for such purpose.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *November 27th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully report that inspection has been made of the premises offered for temporary school purposes, through his Honor, the Mayor, by Rev. W. R. Huntington, Rector of Grace Church, and the Trustees of Hedding M. E. Church, East Seventeenth street.

(*a*) In regard to the first offer, *i. e.* that of Grace Church, I would report that the room offered is on the first floor of No. 417 East Thirteenth street, and well lighted. It is now fitted with three hundred and five small opera chairs—being used for an Infant Class of the Sunday School—arranged in a semi-circle and in rising tiers, steps being about 3½ inches high. There is no way in which desks could be installed, and upon consultation with the City Superintendent, he reports that additional accommodations are not required in that district. I would therefore recommend that the offer be declined.

(*b*) Regarding the offer of the Hedding M. E. Church, the City Superintendent reports that additional room is not required in that district, and I would recommend that this offer also be declined.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

From the Committee on Sites, referring to a communication from Mr. E. F. Keating, with reference to leasing premises in Market street and Pike street, fronting on both Cherry and Water streets.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that a duplicate of this proposition was received from Mr. Keating, examined and reported upon unfavorably as to its use for temporary school purposes, as the building does not comply with the law, being non-fire-proof and over Thirty-five feet in height; also, a letter was sent to Mr. Keating, under date of November 10, 1896, stating the conclusions arrived at.

Ordered, That the Committee on Sites be notified that the prop-

erty does not come within the requirements of the Building Laws; also, that the building is used as a factory and storehouse, and is not suitable for school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that he was in receipt of an offer to lease for temporary school use a building, corner of Grand, Pitt and Division streets, which is now being examined, and will report at the next meeting.

Proposition of Rev. Mr. Reynolds, Rector of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, to lease the Sunday School rooms of the Church, at One Hundred and forty-second street and Alexander avenue, for two years, at an annual rental of $2,500, payable monthly, the Church authorities to furnish the necessary sanitary appliances, heat and Janitor's services, and alter the building to suit the requirements of the Committee on Buildings and Building Laws.

The Committee directed that the Rev. Mr. Reynolds be invited to meet with the Committee at the Hall of the Board on Monday, November 30, 1896, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of consultation.

From Mr. Connolly, offering to lease the premises, Nos. 316 and 318 East Ninety-sixth street, between First and Second avenues, for Public School purposes, for a term of three years, at an annual rental of $2,600, with privilege of a renewal for two additional years on the same terms, the owner to alter the premises to suit the requirements of the Committee on Buildings and Building Laws; this Board to supply the light and heat.

Ordered, That an offer of $2,200 per annum be made the owner, the other terms to be the same as are contained in his proposition.

ANNEX G. S. No. 37.—The following communication was received from Mr. Ralph S. Townsend, Arbitrator for the Committee, in the matter of the contract of Peter N. Phillips;

NEW YORK, *November 27th*, 1896.

The Building Committee, Board of Education,
Mr. J. J. LITTLE, Chairman.

DEAR SIR:—I had an interview Tuesday with Mr. Henry Tostivan, arbitrator appointed by Mr. P. N. Phillips, contractor of alterations to Grammar School No. 37, in relation to settling the dispute as to contract and extra work, if any, in connection with the above building.

Mr. Tostivan was under the impression that the Board of Education acknowledged that the contractor *was entitled* to extra payment, and that the amount of such extra charges was to be estimated and fixed by the arbitrators. I informed him that the directions I had received from the Board distinctly stated that the arbitrators were to determine what extra amount, if any, the contractor was entitled to for orders issued by the Department of Buildings and your architect, and that I supposed he had received similar directions; also that I considered it unnecessary to go into details or figures, as Mr. Phillips had not received any extra orders, nor requested to do any work which was not fully called for and covered by the plans, specifications and contract.

Mr. Tostivan positively refused to give his opinion as to whether he considered the contractor entitled to extra payment under the terms of specifications and contract; he also refused to leave the decision of this question to an umpire, who I proposed should be a lawyer or responsible builder (I prefer a lawyer). Mr. Tostivan also stated that he would not act as arbitrator if required to settle this question.

This is the position of the case at the present time.

Yours truly,

1300 Broadway. RALPH S. TOWNSEND.

The Deputy Superintendent was instructed to address a communication to Mr. Phillips, to the effect that Mr. Henry Tostivan, arbitrator appointed by him, refuses to act in the matter of arbitration, and request that he appoint another arbitrator, and also require Mr. Phillips to immediately proceed

with his work to completion by January 1, 1897, as agreed to by him when the Committee agreed to arbitration.

ANNEX GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 37.—From Peter N. Phillips, contractor, making an assignment of $1,500 to Mr. John Spence, plumber, one of his sub-contractors.

Laid over.

On recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent the following named appropriations were made:

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

G. S. No. 89.—Carpets and lounge, repairs . $164 30

SPECIAL ALTERATIONS JANITOR'S APARTMENTS.

G. S. No. 88.—Altering Janitor's apartments $675 00
P. S. No. 10.— " " " 760 00

From the Alumni Association of Male Department Grammar School No. 77 requesting permission to use the main room of the Male Department on the evening of December 23d for the purpose of holding an annual meeting.

The City Superintendent approved of the request.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to recommend to the Board that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Commissioner ADAMS presented a report with reference to merits of the pianos proposed to be supplied by Hardman, Peck & Co. and John Christman, under advertisement soliciting proposals for supplying seven square and three upright pianos (for list of proposals, see minutes, p. 338), stating, that "having "been appointed a sub-committee to investigate the compara- "tive merits of the pianos proposed to be supplied by Hardman, "Peck & Co., and John Christman, I would most respectfully "report that I have made quite an extensive examination as to "the relative merits of the pianos proposed by the respective "piano manufacturers above named, and the preponderance of

" evidence is decidedly in favor of Hardman, Peck & Co.'s " piano, but at the same time I am more than ever convinced " that the best interests of our school system is not served by " the present way of securing pianos."

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the proposal of Hardman, Peck & Co. for $2,700 be accepted and that the Board be requested to provide the necessary funds to enable the Committee to make a contract.

Adopted.

The recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent of an appropriation of $365 for heating the pupils' closets in Grammar School No. 17 was referred to the Deputy Superintendent to consult with the Engineer Assistant, Mr. McMannis.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The minutes were amended as follows:

P. 368. Middle of page to read, "Mr. Hess, the agent of the property, was present and furnished with a memorandum prepared by this Committee with reference to terms for leasing said premises."

P. 370. Add at the end of the eighth line from top of the page the words, "to ascertain what outlay and improvements the owners propose to make."

P. 367. At the end of the sixth line from top of page strike out "Sept." and insert "November."

P. 365. Insert "Commissioner ADAMS was excused for non-attendance at this session."

P. 369. On eighth line from top of page insert after the word "on" and before "Market" the words "Cherry and Water streets between."

The minutes of the meetings held November 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23d, as printed and amended were then approved.

The matter of leasing the Sunday school building of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, One hundred and forty-second street and Alexander avenue, was taken up, the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, the Rector, being present.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Board that the premises be leased for two years from date of possession, at an annual rental of Twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500), including

heat, services of janitor and supply of sanitary appliances. This Board to make the necessary alterations, etc., and deduct $933 from the rental each year to reimburse this Board for the expense of alterations, all alterations made by this Board to remain on the premises at the expiration of the lease.

Matter of renting a room in the Second Baptist Church, 407 and 409 West Forty-third street, for school purposes was taken up and the offer respectfully declined, the City Superintendent reporting that the room is a thoroughfare and cannot be used for the proper instruction of Kindergarten pupils.

Matter of leasing a back room on the first floor in the Baptist Church, Nos. 342 and 344 West Fifty-third street, was taken up and considered, the trustees having agreed to lease the room for $200 per annum, with light, heat and services of a janitor.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the room be leased on the terms stated, rent to commence from date of occupation of the premises.

ANNEX G. S. No. 37.—Mr. Peter N. Phillips presented the legal consent of George Moore Smith and George A. Haggerty, his bondsmen, to the assignment, on April 25, 1896, by Mr. Phillips of his contract to Margaret Phillips and Margaret Phillips to the Seventeenth Ward Bank of Brooklyn on October 27, 1896.

The Committee decided this certificate of consent was not satisfactory, and that the bondsmen should hold themselves bound to the assignees as well as to the original contractors.

Matter of leasing premises Nos. 316 and 318 East Ninety-sixth street, between First and Second avenues, at an annual rental of $2,600, for a term of three years, with privilege of renewal for two additional years, the owner to alter the premises, and supply heat, light and services of a Janitor.

At the last meeting of the Committee an offer of $2,200 per annum was made.

A representative of the owner appeared before the Committee and agreed to rent the premises at an annual rental of $2,400, for three years, with privilege of renewal for two additional years, including water tax, the owner to alter the premises to suit the requirements of the Committee on Buildings and the Building Laws, this Board to supply the light and services of a Janitor. Rent to commence February 1, 1897, or as soon as the premises are ready for occupancy.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the proposition to rent for $2,400 per annum be accepted.

160 ELM STREET.—*Ordered*, To recommend to the Board that the premises, No. 160 Elm street, used as an annex to the Hall of the Board, be rehired for one year from February 1, 1897, at an annual rental of $1,700 and Croton water tax.

ANNEX, G. S. No. 85.—*Ordered*, To recommend to the Board that the premises, corner One Hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue, occupied as an annex to G. S. No. 85, be rehired for one year, from March 17, 1897, at an annual rental of $1,000 and Croton water tax.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to take such action as may be necessary to put the Board of Education in possession of the building known as Essex Market for school purposes.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 19—ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH STREET, NEAR EIGHTH AVENUE.—Commissioner AGAR stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Henry J. Appel, Jr., Attorney for the owners of the premises occupied by P. S. No 19, at One Hundred and thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, in which he states that the owners request that the following additional clauses be inserted in the lease: "To reserve the right of tenants in Nos. 2526 to 2534 Eighth avenue, to use the entrance to the cellar of said premises, as heretofore used

"That wash-poles, as now constructed in said demised premises, will have no interference by the parties of the second part during the term hereby demised."

Referred to the Superintendent to compare the new lease with the present lease.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Finance Committee requesting information as to what extent the Budget for 1897 should be increased in the item for rents.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to make a close estimate of the amount which will be required; also, as to the additional amount which will be required for salaries of Janitors, and submit the same to the Finance Committee.

G. S. No. 15.—Commissioner HURLBUT reported that the complaint against the janitor of G. S. No. 15 made by an officer of the Department of Street Cleaning, had been adjusted.

Matter of offer of Robert Hoe to sell or lease the property known as the "Prospect Building" located on the corner of Grand, Pitt and Division streets, permitting alterations as desired.

The Superintendent reported that the building "is a five story "and basement structure, 55 feet high; the first floor fitted "up for stores, and second, third, fourth and fifth floors being "cut up into living apartments. It would be necessary to "tear out these partitions, take out present wooden stairs, and "remodel same, etc., in order to adapt the building to our "need, therefore, as the structure is non-fireproof, I would "recommend that the same be refused."

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the proposition be rejected, the building not being fireproof, and not within the requirements of the law, and that Mr. Hoe be so notified.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 62.—From the Department of Buildings ordering the frame building on the southwest corner of One Hundred and fifty-seventh street and Melrose avenue, to be taken down and removed forthwith.

The Superintendent reported that this property was acquired May 26th, 1896, for the purpose of securing light and air to this end of the school building and providing space for the girls' closets.

The building referred to is a two story and basement frame structure. It has been unoccupied a long time and has been nearly torn out and removed piecemeal by irresponsible parties.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the Board authorizing the Committee on Buildings to have the building taken down and removed.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be, and he hereby is authorized to furnish temporarily, with furniture from the storehouse or elsewhere, the assembly rooms of the new school at One Hundred and nineteenth street and Madison avenue, to permit of the same being opened, pending the supplying of new furniture by contract.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted to the Committee a sample of a desk and seat designed by Mr. F. C. Cheney, Inspector of School Furniture.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the Superintendent be authorized to have said desk and seat patented under Mr. Cheney's name, Mr. Cheney to assign the patent to the Board of Education, this Board to pay for any expense he has incurred or may hereafter incur in securing the patent.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the contractors for the new building at One Hundred and nineteenth street and Madison avenue, are ready to have the Bulletin Board carved, and respectfully asked if the former practice of inscribing on these boards the names of School Trustees and others, who were in office when the building was authorized, be carried out in this case, or

whether the names of the present Board of Education be substituted therefor, or if two boards shall be put up.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that two tablets be placed in the school in question.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 87.—Consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on the floors. (Laid over since October 5th.)

The Superintendent requested that the matter be laid over.

Granted.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix. (Laid over since September 14th.)

ANNEX G. S. No. 37.—Consideration of the matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips, assignments, etc., etc., was again laid over.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a copy of a letter which he had forwarded to Mr. Phillips with reference to the question of arbitration on his contract for erecting Annex, &c., to G. S. No. 37, which was read by the Clerk and placed on file.

The Superintendent reported that he had examined the bills incurred by the Ward Trustees prior to July 1, 1896, incurred from their Ward Incidental Fund, in violation of Sec. 66 of the by-laws as amended April 1, 1896, and recommended approval as follows, and recommended a suspension of the by-laws for the payment of said bills:

1st	Ward—	G. S.	No. 29,	Fisher Bros.	$33 90
8th	"	"	" 38,	James Youngs	45 77
11th	"	"	" 22,	Dorn & Bro. ($81.34)	77 21
12th	"	"	" 46	Annex, Axtmann & Co. ($29.20)	28 02
12th	"	"	" 57,	J. H. Van Tine	37 62
12th	"	"	" 93,	" "	34 64
19th	"	"	" 59,	Wm F. Crockett ($29.96)	27 68
21st	"	P. S.	" 16,	D. Dode, Jr. ($41.25)	40 25
21st	"	"	" 16,	A. H. Coulter & Son ($28.26)	28 01
22d	"	G. S.	" 17,	W. H. Luyster	29 60

22d Ward—G. S. No. 51, Herbert Greason . .	.	$67 13
23d " " " 61, Gustaveson & Sons ($55.98)	.	54 80
24th " " " 101, Walter S. Serviss ($99.94)	.	94 73

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bills be paid, and that the by-laws be suspended for the purpose.

Consideration of the matter of a pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, and referred to in a communication from Good Government Club E, was laid over.

From Horace S. Ely & Co., consenting to the proposition which the Committee has under consideration with reference to leasing the store and basement of premises No. 144 Grand street.

Laid over.

CITY ISLAND, G. S. No. 102.—Matter of erecting a new building on City Island.

A report from the Inspectors of the Thirty-fifth District, and from the Superintendent of School Buildings, was presented.

Commissioner AGAR moved that it be referred to the Superintendent to report as to what style of a school building could be erected on City Island, at an expense of about $30,000, in lieu of the proposed building.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 69.—Assignment of R. McArtney, contractor for making alterations and repairs, to John Kattenhorn of all money due or to become due on his contract.

The Superintendent reported that there was no money due Mr. McArtney, at the present time, his contract not being completed.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 47.—The consideration of the matter of the Janitor of Grammar School No. 47, was laid over.

HALL—The matter of final payment of contract of the M. Ohmer Sons Co., for file cases placed in the Hall of the Board was referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent requested that the authority for the Inspectors in his department to incur expenditures of $10 or less, for emergency repairs, be extended to January 1, 1897.

Granted.

G. S. No. 28—From J. B. Quinlan, under date of November 12, 1896, stating that Mr. David Robinson, Janitor, had paid him the amount due him.

Placed on file.

From Pratt & Lambert, relative to the use of varnish on school buildings.

Placed on file.

From the American Wire Glass Manufacturing Co., relative to their wire glass.

Placed on file.

From the Reliance Gauge Co., relative to providing the Reliance Safety Water Column in connection with boilers in new school buildings.

The Superintendent stated that we are now using a similar appliance with a solid float, which is not so liable to get out of order as one that is hollow.

Placed on file.

From Male Principals of Grammar Schools, requesting that authority be given to the Principal of each school, to incur a liability for the Board not to exceed $10.

Ordered, That the Principal of each Senior Department, and Janitor of each school, be furnished with a copy of Rule No. 24*a* which was added to the rules regulating the duties of Janitors.

G. S. No. 82.—From the Inspectors of the Twentieth District relating to pupils being injured by lack of suitable furniture in the Primary Department.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *November* 30, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: With reference to complaint from the Inspectors of the Twentieth School District "that thirty or more pupils in the Primary Department of Grammar School No. 82 are being injured by attending the school for the lack of suitable furniture, the Inspectors respectfully request that the matter have prompt attention."

Would respectfully state that the chief Furniture Inspector was detailed to visit the school and make an examination of furniture, etc., and his report is as follows:

"I was unable to find any grounds for this complaint. The Acting Principal stated that she went through her Department with the Inspectors, but that nothing was said about furniture being unsuitable. I found the desks properly graded and the scholars comfortably seated.

"I would like something more definite to work upon than this complaint, and I think they should mention the rooms or explain just what they mean."

Respectfully,
(Signed) F. C. CHENEY.

In view of the report of the Furniture Inspector, I respectfully recommend that the Board of Inspectors be asked to specify the rooms that need attention.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That a copy of the Superintendent's report be sent to the Board of Inspectors of the 20th District.

G. S. No. 76.—From Inspectors of the 20th District, relative to supplying furniture for two rooms in the Primary Department for kindergarten work.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *November* 30th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—In reference to communication from the Inspectors of the 20th School District, stating "that in P. D., G. S. No. 76, there are two classrooms that can be used for kindergarten work, and pupils are there to use them, but owing to the fact that the little furniture needed has not been supplied, the classrooms have been lying idle for one year and the children neglected,"

I would respectfully report that I have had an examination made, and find that all the classrooms on the second and third stories that are occupied by the Primary Department are in use at present, as are also the four classrooms on the first story. Two of the rooms have been used since the construction of the building, one for about six years and the other since 1894, being the old Trustees' room, in which we placed furniture as soon as vacated. There are no other classrooms on the first story.

The Principal informed the Inspector from this Department that it is proposed to use one of the classrooms in the first story for a kindergarten. If the room is so used, it will necessitate the removal of desks for seventy-six pupils in order to accommodate thirty, the number taught in a kindergarten class. The Principal also informed him that she might possibly promote some of the children from this classroom to other classes, so as to provide for the establishing of a kindergarten.

I would respectfully suggest that the whole matter be referred to the City Superintendent for an examination and report as to the necessity and feasibility of superseding the present class with a kindergarten class.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

The report of the Superintendent was approved.

The Superintendent submitted sketch plans of the new school

building to be erected at Henry, Scammell and Gouverneur St., and East Broadway.

Laid over.

G. S. 68.—Receipt of Michael Dougherty for $9.80 in full for all claims against the sub-contractor for John Law, contractor.

Placed on file.

35TH DISTRICT.—From the Board of School Inspectors, requesting the Board of Education to grant said Board a hearing regarding the needs of the district.

Ordered, That the Board of Inspectors be invited to meet with the Committee on Thursday, December 3d, at 4 o'clock P. M.

28TH DISTRICT.—From the Inspectors asking for information as to the method of providing for immediate relief for urgent repairs, and as to whether Inspectors have authority to attend to the same; also citing delay in making repairs at G. S. No. 72.

The Superintendent reported that the above communication is dated November 5th, and did not reach his department until November 28th, and he deemed it wise to bring it before the Committee without first having the case of G. S. No. 72 investigated, as it seems to be cited merely as a sample. The desk and carpet have been provided, and the plumbing work, etc., has been referred to an Inspector for report.

The report of the Superintendent was accepted.

Ordered, That a copy of Rule No. 24*a*, which was added to the rules regulating the duties of Janitors be transmitted to the Board of Inspectors.

From the Committee on Evening Schools stating that they have estimates for necessary work in several Evening Schools, the total amount not exceeding $150, but are unable to accept the same because the fund for that purpose is exhausted; and requesting the Committee on Buildings to make an appropriation to cover the cost of the repairs from the fund entitled "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools—Repairs."

Ordered, That the request of the Committee on Evening

Schools be complied with and the necessary appropriations be made.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the following named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS.

App. No.				
518.	G. S. No.	3.	Furniture	$42 00
519.	" "	9.	Concreting	26 00
520.	" "	19.	Doors, etc.	69 00
521.	" "	22.	Carpets	77 63
522.	" "	22.	Slates	71 90
523.	" "	24.	Slates	24 00
524.	" "	27.	Supply Closets	50 00
525.	" "	33.	Vent Pipe	52 00
526.	" "	36.	Wardrobe, etc.	41 00
527.	" "	40.	Furniture, etc.	180 50
528.	" "	43.	Teacher's Desk	12 40
529.	" "	48.	Heating Closets	94 00
530.	" "	64.	Plumbing	105 00
531.	" "	68.	Umbrella Stands	105 00
532.	" "	75.	Drawing Board Racks	24 50
533.	" "	83.	Closets and Keys	26 50
534.	" "	84.	Umbrella Stands	42 00
535.	" "	85.	Repairs, etc.	34 00
536.	" "	90.	Carpets and Furniture, Repairs, etc.	195 00
537.	" "	90.	New Furniture	86 00
538.	" "	90.	Water Closet for Principal's Room	21 00
539.	" "	93.	Repairs, etc.	12 00
540.	" "	93.	Linoleum in Toilet Rooms	16 08
541.	" "	95.	Gas Pendants	11 50
542.	" "	97.	Radiators, New Class Rooms	191 00
543.	" "	98.	Radiator	29 50
544.	" "	101.	Stove Work	16 25
545.	P. S. No.	8.	Repairs, etc.	17 00
546.	" "	24.	Heating New Closet for Girls	53 00
547.	" "	26.	Steam Coils, etc.	145 00
548.	" "	38.	Slates	172 80

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No.			
129.	G. S. No. 78.	Heating Closets . . .	$295 00
130.	" " 17.	Heating Pupils' Closets . . .	365 00

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reports having made the following appropriation from

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND.

App. No.			
208.	G. S. No. 35.	Grates	$37 50

Approved.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 3.—Alterations, etc., John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated September 23, 1896; extended to November 24, 1896.

G. S. No. 17.—Repairs, etc., John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to November 27, 1896.

G. S. No. 25.—Repairs, etc., Erskine & McGregor, contractors; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 24, 1896.

G. S. No. 38.—Furniture, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated June 5, 1896; extended to November 11, 1896.

G. S. No. 42.—Repairs, etc., Cornelius Manning, contractor; dated May 8, 1896; extended to November 27, 1896.

G. S. No. 58—Annex.—Furniture, Item No. 1, Andrews Manufacturing Co., contractors; dated April 1, 1895; extended to November 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 59.—Repairs, etc., Erskine & McGregor, contractors; dated August 8, 1896; extended to November 24, 1896.

G. S. No. 60.—Sanitary work, etc., Christopher Nally, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 23, 1896.

G. S. No. 93.—Sanitary work, Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated May 16, 1896; extended to November 28, 1896.

P. S. No. 2.—Repairs, etc., James Hamilton, contractor; dated May 11, 1896; extended to November 27, 1896.

P. S. No. 6.—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated June 27, 1896; extended to November 19, 1896.

P. S. No. 26.—Sanitary work, Christopher Nally, contractor; dated June 22, 1896; extended to November 23, 1896.

P. S. No. 30.—Heating and Ventilating, Blake & Williams, contractor; dated August 23, 1896; extended to November 23, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 3.—	John H. Goetschius, Alterations, etc. .	$850
" " 17.—	John H. Goetschius, Repairs, etc. . .	1,100
" " 25.—	Erskine & McGregor, Repairs, etc. .	959
" " 38.—	Andrews Manufacturing Co., Furniture .	400
" " 42.—	Cornelius Manning, Repairs . . .	997
" " 58 -Annex.—	Andrews Manufacturing Co., Furniture. Item No. 1 .	674
G. S. No. 59.—	Erskine & McGregor, Repairs . .	1,000
" " 80.—	Christopher Nally, Sanitary Work . .	1,189
" " 93.—	Robert Macbeth, Sanitary Work . .	900
P. S. No. 2.—	James Hamilton, Repairs . . .	1,436
" " 6.—	Mahony Bros., Repairs	985
" " 26.—	Christopher Nally, Sanitary . . .	970
" " 30.—	Blake & Williams, Heating and Ventilating	2,184

From Rev. James H. Hoadley, Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, No. 423 West Forty-sixth street, withdrawing offer of use of rooms for Kindergarten purposes, made through the Federation of Churches of the Fifteenth Assembly District.

Placed on file.

MEMORANDUM.

The following is a list of the proposals received by the Committee at its meeting held November 16th, 1896, in answer to an advertisement published in the *City Record* for ten days:

NEW BUILDING AT HENRY, OLIVER AND CATHARINE STREETS.

M. E. Phillips . .	$269,974	Thomas Dwyer . .	$286,472
P. J. Walsh . . .	269,000	Luke A. Burke . .	275,500
P. J. Brennan . .	268,750	P. Gallagher . . .	278,518
Mahony Bros. . .	277,443	Thos. Cockerill & Son	284,000
Harry McNally . .	285,700		

Awarded on Nov. 17 to P. J. Brennan for $268,750. (See Minutes, p. 358).

GYMNASIUM APPARATUS FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOLS NOS. 5 AND 10.

	G. S. No. 5.	G. S. No. 10.
Narraganset Machine Co. . .	$725 00	$990 00
Overman Wheel Co. . . .	686 11	998 31

Awarded to the lowest bidder in each case on November 16th.

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT FOR NEW BUILDING, ST. ANN'S AVE., BETWEEN 147TH AND 148TH STREETS.

Evans, Almirall & Co.	$48,186	Frank Dobson . .	$45,392
John Neal's Sons . .	47,925	Blake & Williams .	45,170
E. Rutzler	45,560		

The award was made to Blake & Williams, the lowest bidders, on November 16th.

SUPPLYING UNITED STATES NATIONAL COLORS.

	150 Storm Flags.	46 Intermediate Flags.	200 Post Flags.	Total.
American Flag Co.	$285 00	$207 00	$1,600 00	$2,092 00
M. Magee & Son .	300 00	195 50	1,640 00	2,135 50

Awarded to American Flag Co. on November 16th.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—4.

Commissioner ADAMS was excused for non-attendance at this session of the Committee.

The Superintendent of School Buildings presented a report, as follows:

NEW YORK, *December* 2d, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings.

Gentlemen:—According to the letter received from the Finance Committee, dated November 30th, this Board has already exceeded by $10,160 the total amount asked for 1897 for rents of school premises, and if to this be added the item "Allow for additional buildings to be leased in 1897, same amount as allowed for 1896, $5,500," which forms part of the estimate of $63,130 in the budget for 1897, it appears that at the present time the increase in rentals for 1897 over the original rent roll for 1896, is $15,660.

A computation shows that the cost of hired buildings averages about $6.72 per child accommodated.

The City Superintendent under date of November 19th, reports the number of children requiring accommodations at once, as 15,400, which at $6.72 per child would require an increase in the appropriation of $103,488, or a total of $166,618.

In response to the urgent appeals of the Board of Education during the last three months for offers of temporary school

accommodations which could be rented, there have been offered about one hundred pieces of property, of which only ten have been found suitable and acceptable, and which will accommodate about two thousand, three hundred and forty children. It does not seem possible that enough suitable buildings can be found to provide for more than one-half of the 15,400 children reported by the City Superintendent as needing school accommodations at once, and I would therefore respectfully recommend that the sum of $50,000 be added to the budget for 1897 under the item "Rents for school premises, Annex to Hall of the Board of Education, &c." If more is needed during 1897, it may be possible to obtain it by transfer of funds.

An additional sum of $8,000 will need to be placed in the item "Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools" to provide for the care of the buildings to be rented and for rentals for Janitors to be removed from school buildings during 1897, being $5,700 for temporary schools and the balance for removals, increases, etc.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Sup't of School Buildings.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Finance Committee be requested to secure an increase in the Budget of 1897 of the following named amounts:

Rents of School Premises, etc.	$47,500
Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools .	8,000

Adopted.

Commissioner PRENTISS presented a memorandum of an offer from the Trustees of the Fourth avenue Presbyterian Church, of the use of Grace Mission Chapel, on Twenty-second street between First and Second avenues, for school purposes, this Board to pay the mortgage interest of $600.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings, and the Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Commissioner AGAR presented a communication from the Fitzgibbons Boiler Company, with reference to placing the "Fitzgibbons Marine Boiler" in the new school buildings.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners HURLBUT, ADAMS and AGAR.

Commissioner PRENTISS was excused for absence from this session.

G. S. No. 37 ANNEX.—Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the matter be referred to Commissioner Agar and the Superintendent of School Buildings to consult with Mr. Phillips and his attorney and report to this Committee at its next session.

Adopted.

35TH DISTRICT.—Inspectors Armstrong, Cooley, Johnston and Keating of the 35th School District were present and heard with reference to the wants of their district, and urged the erection of a new school building at City Island, and an addition to Grammar Schools Nos. 97 and 100.

From W. P. Siler relative to supplying matting to the Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

From George W. Gilbert, asking an appointment as engineer in one of the public schools.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

P. S. No. 12.—Protesting against the fitting up of a saloon at No. 99 Roosevelt street, which comes within the limit of 200 feet of this school.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the protest be forwarded to Commissioner of Excise.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix. (Laid over since September 14th).

G. S. No. 87.—Matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors. (Laid over since October 5th).

The Superintendent reported progress.

Consideration of the matter of a pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches, and referred to in a communication from Good Government Club E. was laid over.

Consideration of the matter of hiring the store and basement of No. 144 Grand St.

A communication was received from Horace Ely & Co., as follows:

November 28th, 1896.

ROBERT MACLAY, ESQ.,
President Board of Education,
No. 146 Grand Street,
New York.

DEAR SIR: The owner of the building No. 144 Grand Street instructs us to offer to rent the first story store and basement of that building to the Board of Education, for one year from February 1st, 1897 to February 1st, 1898, at the yearly rent of $1,800, the lessee to pay proportion of the charge for Croton Water against the said store, and to have the option of a renewal of the lease for one year at the same rental; the lessee to have the privilege of taking possession as soon as the lease is signed, and to occupy the premises free of rent until the first of February, 1897.

The landlord is to make such repairs as are now needed to the flooring. The lessee is to have the privilege of making a doorway opening in the side wall of the store to communicate with the first story floor of No. 146 Grand street, and is to restore the wall, at the expiration of the lease, to its present condition, and in case the lessee make such doorway opening, the owner of No. 144 Grand street expressly stipulates that the lessee is to pay any charge made by the insurers of Nos. 142 and 144 Grand street

by reason of such communication, including the charge for insurance on the building, rents, and stocks of goods of tenants occupying the buildings Nos. 142 and 144.

We hope to hear from you early next week whether the Board decides to take the store on the terms above mentioned.

Very respectfully yours,
HORACE S. ELY & Co.
No. 64 Cedar St.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over.

Adopted.

CITY ISLAND, G. S. No. 102.—The Superintendent submitted a sketch plan for a cheaper building to be erected at City Island.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 69.—Assignment of R. McArtney, contractor for repairs, etc., to John Kattenhorn, of all money due or to become due on his contract. (Laid over since November 23; no money due on the contract at the present time).

G. S. No. 47.—Case of the Janitor was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted the following communication:

NEW YORK, *December* 3d, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully present herewith sketch plans for new school building on East Broadway, Henry and Gouverneur streets.

The plot is 163x133 feet, slightly irregular.

The City Superintendent under date of October 5th, 1896, recommended that a building to take the place of old Grammar School No. 12, and containing not less than 42 classrooms be erected on this site.

The plans submitted herewith provide for a Playroom on the 1st story and 14 classrooms on each of the 2d, 3d, and 4th floors;

a total of 42 classrooms being all that the size of the plot will permit.

All wardrobes will be placed outside of the classrooms.

The building to be 5 stories high; the upper floor being designed for Manual Training rooms, Gymnasium, etc.

The construction to be fire-proof throughout according to law.

The design for the elevations cannot be prepared until the ground plan has been decided upon.

The estimated cost of the building based upon the cost of similar work is about $270,000, being calculated according to the number of square feet covered by the building.

The City Superintendent in a communication under recent date, recommends that the building be erected to contain three Departments, but has made no recommendation in reference to a roof playground.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Sup't of School Buildings.

Approved.

From Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller, with reference to non-collection of rentals for portion of the Essex Market property.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

25TH DISTRICT.—From Mr. W.G.Ver Planck, Secretary, Board of School Inspectors for the 25th District, calling the attention of the Board to the necessity of supplying additional school accommodations in this district.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that Mr. Ver Planck be notified that two sites have been selected in his district, for the purpose of erecting school buildings thereon, and reported to the Board of Education favorably at its meeting held December 2d, 1896, and that the matter of providing two Evening Schools has been referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Adopted.

From the American Female Guardian Society requesting the use of desks and seats for their schools.

Ordered, That the Society be notified that this board has no extra furniture to give away, the second-hand furniture being all made use of in fitting up temporary quarters.

From Hon. Isidor Strauss, President of the Directors of the Educational Alliance, relative to the need of a Kindergarten, in the locality where their institution is located, corner of East Broadway and Jefferson streeet.

Referred to the Superintendent.

Edward J. Youdale, Inspector of Repairs, was summoned before the Committee, to make answer to a complaint made by the Deputy Superintendent.

The consideration of the matter was laid over to the next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate and report as to the cause of delay in presenting to the Superintendent the report of the Inspectors of the 35th District, as to the needs of the District.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS–5.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley, as Janitrix (laid over since Sept. 14, 1896, awaiting a school to which she could be transferred).

28TH DISTRICT.—The Clerk of the Board of Education submitted a report explaining the reasons for cause of delay in submitting to the Superintendent of School Buildings the communication from the Inspector of the 28th District, calling attention to the needs of the District for School accommodation.

Placed on file.

G. S. No. 87.—The consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors. (Laid over since Oct. 5, 1896.)

The Superintendent reported progress.

ANNEX G. S. No. 37.—Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips, assignment, arbitration, etc., and request for payments on his contract.

Commissioner AGAR submitted a form of agreement to be made between Mr. Phillips, his assignees and bondsmen.

Laid over for consultation with the Law Department and for consideration at the meeting to be held Thursday, December 10, 1896, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Matter of pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches and referred to in a communication from Good Government Club E—(awaiting action of Pastors and Board of Trustees).

No. 144 GRAND STREET.—Matter of renting the store and Basement for additional accommodation for the Hall of the Board. (Referred to Chairman with power November 27.)

Awaiting the result of the conference between the Commissioners of the Board of Education and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in regard to new quarters for the Board of Education.

CITY ISLAND.—G. S. No. 102.—From the Superintendent as follows:

NEW YORK, *December* 7th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your request I have made further examination in the matter of reducing the cost of new school building to be erected at City Island, and would respectfully report that I believe it possible to erect a one story and basement brick building, with private sewer, well pumping engine and paved yards for $40,000. This reduction from $70,750 is affected by the abolition of the second story, the substitution of a flat roof covered with tin for one pitched and covered with slate, and of galvanized iron work for exterior use instead of copper. The substitution of common red brick for the Tiffany front; the omission of all cut stone work; reduction in the size of the paved playground; a more simple treatment of the out buildings and of both the interior and exterior of the main building, also a change in the quality of materials used.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner AGAR moved to report to the Board recalling its report made awarding the contract for the erection of the new School Building to Harry McNally, for $70,750, and asking for authority to readvertise for proposals for erecting a School Building on a less expensive basis.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 69.—R. McArtney, contractor for repairs, assign-

ing all money due or to become due him on his contract, to John Kattenhorn.

The Superintendent reported there was no money due on the contract of Mr. McArtney at the present time, his contract not having been completed.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 47.—Matter of complaint against the Janitor.

The Superintendent reported progress.

The matter of the complaint against Edward J. Youdale, Inspector of Repairs, was taken up.

The Superintendent submitted the resignation of Mr. Youdale, taking effect Dec. 5, 1896.

Accepted.

The Superintendent recommended that Mr. Charles R. Munfort be appointed Inspector of Repairs, on trial for two weeks, *vice* Youdale, resigned, at a rate of wages of $4.50 per day, for actual service.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN, Commissioner HURLBUT, reported that he had approved the specification for making alterations, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 31, 70, 71, 73 and 78 on December 7, 1896.

The action of the Acting Chairman was concurred in.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent with reference to transfer and appointment of Inspectors :

To the Committee on Buildings :

GENTLEMEN :—The contractor for new school building, Ninety-first street and First avenue, has completed the excavation to the point where he is ready to drive piles and an Inspector is

required. Instead of appointing a new man to the position, I respectfully recommend the transfer of Peter J. Treacy from G. S. No. 16 to Ninety-first street and First avenue Building.

I would also recommend the transfer of John W. Guy from G. S. No. 75 to G. S. No. 16, vice Peter J. Treacy, transferred, and the appointment of John W. Franklin to the position of Inspector, G. S. No. 75, vice John W. Guy, transferred.

In the matter of a Furniture Inspector, I would respectfully state that the work of the Department is behind for lack of adequate help, as the Chief Furniture Inspector is detained in the office on inside work most of the time, leaving but one man to visit the various buildings to see that the work is being properly done, examine complaints, etc., etc.

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of Mr. Jesse Collins at the rate of wages of $4.00 per day, payable from the Furniture Account, as there is just sufficient money in this year's appropriation to cover the expenditure.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

The recommendation of the Superintendent with reference to transferring Peter J. Treacy and John W. Guy, also the appointment of John W. Franklin, was concurred in.

The recommendation to appoint Mr. Jesse Collins as an Inspector of School Furniture at a rate of wages of $4 per day was concurred in, and that Mr. Collins be employed for two weeks on trial.

The Superintendent recommended that the consideration of the matter of appointing Patrol Inspectors, be made a special order for Thursday, December 10th.

Granted.

The Superintendent submitted a report showing the necessity of employing an additional Clerk in his office at a salary of about

r at a salary of about $6 per week.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Committee on Supplies be requested to provide the additional assistance which is required in the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 73.—A communication was received from the Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works, in answer to a letter submitted to the Department under date of 27th November with respect to the condition of the curb in front of G. S. No. 73 on Forty-sixth street, between Second and Third avenues, stating: "I beg to inform you that the contractor's responsibility in the matter ceased with resetting the curbstones on the correct line and grade. It is the duty of property owners to relay the flagging to conform to the grade of the curb as reset at their own expense."

Placed on file.

From Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D.D., Vice-President of the New York City Mission and Tract Society, stating that the Society cannot accept the conditions of the Board of Education for the use of the rooms in its churches for public school purposes. Their reason for this is two fold. First, the uncertainty with regard to taxation, and second, the fact that it seems to be necessary to have the school furniture screwed down in our rooms, which would largely interfere with the legitimate work they are called upon to do.

Ordered, That the communication be presented to the Board.

The matter of renting the premises Nos. 202 and 204 Rivington street was referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent reported that the chapel of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church was not required for temporary school accommodation, it not being located in a congested district.

Ordered, That the offer be declined with thanks.

224 WEST SIXTY-THIRD STREET.—Matter of securing these pre-

mises for school purposes was placed on file, and the Superintendent directed to ascertain for what sum the premises can be purchased and cost of alterations.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the following named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.					
549.	G. S. No.	2.	Furniture,		$149.00
550.	" "	5.	Closets, etc.,		44.00
551.	" "	8.	Venetian blinds, repairs,		72.00
552.	" "	10.	Repairs, etc.,		11.20
553.	" "	38..	Gas fixtures,		65.00
554.	" "	42.	Heating Kindergarten,		35.00
555.	" "	44.	Teachers' desks,		94.72
556.	" "	46.	Repairs, etc.,		20.00
557.	" "	46.	Slates,		89.92
558.	" "	47.	Picture molding,		25.00
559.	" "	49.	Gong,		20.00
560.	" "	54.	Iron gate,		59.50
561.	" "	59.	Book closets,		49.00
562.	" "	61.	Moving platform, desks, etc,		25.00
563.	" "	69.	Repairs, etc.,		26.50
564.	" "	73.	Teacher's desk,		12.40
565.	" "	77.	Repairing furniture,		39.90
566.	" "	82.	Teacher's desk,		86.00
567.	" "	89.	" "		24.70
568.	" "	93.	Venetian blinds,		156.00
569.	P. S. No.	15.	Heating new closet,		117.00
570.	" "	21.	Sanitary work,		36.00
571.	" "	24.	Slates,		49.73
572.	" "	38.	Furniture,		83.00
573.	" "	46.	Iron vault cover,		24.00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

219.	G. S. No. 1.	Electric lighting, P. D., . .	* $342.00
220.	" " 27.	Roof, ...	† 487.00
221.	" " 72.	Fitting up Inspectors' room, .	160.00
216.	P. S. No. 30.	To pay bill of P. Sullivan, Dec. 7th, 1896, altering wardrobes,	54.00

The Committee opened proposals for Electric Lighting work required in the Primary Department, G. S. No. 1, as follows:

Zimdars and Hunt	$425
D. S. Guy	465
Geo. C. Fields & Co.	*342 awarded as above
Vance Electric Co.	346

The Committee opened proposals for Roofwork required at Grammar School No. 27, as follows:

M. Harrison & Son	$578
Calvin R. Jordan	†487 awarded as above
Adam Beegen	912
John Morrow	No figure.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 1—Altering Janitor's Apartments.—Mahony Bros., contractors; dated Sept. 21, 1896; extended to Dec. 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 2—Altering Janitor's Apartments.—Mahony Bros., contractors; dated Sep. 21, 1896; extended to Nov. 23, 1896.

G. S. No. 7—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated Aug. 11, 1896; extended to Nov. 30, 1896.

G. S. No. 22—Repairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated May 26, 1896; extended to Nov. 23, 1896.

G. S. No. 26—Repairs, etc., William Horne, contractor; dated July 20, 1896; extended to Nov. 30, 1896.

G. S. No. 26—Sanitary work, J. W. Jones, contractor; dated June 25, 1896; extended to Nov. 23, 1896.

G. S. No. 35—Sanitary work, J. W. Jones, contractor; dated June 25, 1896; extended to Nov. 23, 1896.

G. S. No. 41—Furniture, Andrews Mfg. Co., contractors; dated June 30, 1896.; extended to Dec. 1, 1896.

G. S. No. 47—Furniture, Richmond School Furniture Co., contractors; dated Aug. 27, 1896; extended to Nov. 30, 1896.

G. S. No. 57—Repairs, etc., Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to Nov. 30, 1896.

G. S. No. 61—Sanitary, John F. Johnson, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to Dec. 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 65—Sanitary work, Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated August 8, 1896; extended to Dec. 2, 1896.

G. S. No. 74—Repairs, etc., Archibald Bros., contractors; dated July 17, 1896; extended to Dec. 1, 1896.

G. S. No. 84—Sanitary work, J. W. Jones, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to Nov. 24, 1896.

G. S. No. 95.—Repairs, etc., Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to November 30, 1896.

P. S. No. 1.—Sanitary, etc., P. Greene, contractor; dated June 27, 1896; extended to November 23, 1896.

P. S. No. 5.—Fitting up No. 624 Fifth street, William Klein, contractor; dated June 19, 1896; extended to December 2, 1896.

P. S. No. 24.—Sanitary, etc., J. W. Jones, contractor; dated May 13, 1896; extended to November 23, 1896.

P. S. No. 26.—Repairs, etc., William A. Gedney, contractor dated August 11, 1896; extended to December 2, 1896.

P. S. No. 30.—Repairs, etc., P. Sullivan, contractor; dated June 2, 1896; extended to October 27, 1896.

P. S. No. 31.—Repairs, etc., William Klein, contractor; dated May 22, 1896; extended to December 1, 1896.

P. S. No. 39.—Erection of annex, etc., David Barry & Co. contractors; dated July 24, 1896; extended to November 27 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final payments on contracts:

G. S. No. 1- Mahony Brothers.—Alterations to Janitor's apartments,	$585.
" No. 2—Mahony Brothers.—Alterations to Janitor's apartments,	750.
" No. 7—Mahony Brothers.—Repairs, etc.,	920.
" No. 22—Mahony Brothers.—Repairs, etc.,	900.
" No. 26—William Horne.—Repairs, etc.,	1,200.
" No. 26—J. W. Jones.—Sanitary work, etc.,	900.
" No. 35—J. W. Jones.—Sanitary work,	1,050.
" No. 41—Andrews Mfg. Co.—Furniture,	839.
" No. 47—Richmond School Furniture Co.,	746.
" No. 57—Robert Macbeth.—Repairs, etc.,	600.
" No. 61—John F. Johnson.—Sanitary work,	1,262.
" No. 65—Robert Macbeth.—Sanitary work,	1,050.
" No. 74—Archibald Brothers.—Repairs, etc.,	369.
" No. 84—J. W. Jones.—Sanitary work,	675.
" No. 95—Robert Macbeth.—Repairs, etc.,	800.
P. S. No. 1—P. Greene.—Sanitary work,	750.
" No. 5- William Klein.—Fitting up No. 624 Fifth Street,	776.
" No. 24—J. W. Jones.—Sanitary, etc.,	1,275.
" No. 26—William A. Gedney.—Repairs, etc.,	997.
" No. 30—P. Sullivan.—Repairs, etc.,	960.
" No. 31—William Klein.—Repairs, etc.,	794.
" No. 39—David Barry & Co.—Erection of Annex, etc.,	3,550.

The Committee opened proposals for the following described work, in response to an advertisement in the *City Record*, soliciting the same:

IMPROVING PREMISES OF, AND NEW LOTS ADJOINING GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 25.

William Horne,	$19,995	John F. Johnson,	$26,665
Alfred Nugent & Son,	22,793	David Barry & Co.,	26,500
Tolmie & Luyster,	26,000	Jones & O'Connor,	22,873
John H. Goetschius,	27,995	Mahony Bros.,	24,982

Alfred Nugent & Son made a verbal protest against the acceptance of the proposal of Mr. Horne, the check deposited with his proposal not being as called for in the advertisement soliciting proposals.

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS AND THE ERECTION OF NEW IRON AND STONE STAIRS AT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS NOS. 97 AND 101.

	G. S. No. 97.	G. S. No. 101.
Mahony Bros.	$5,300	$5,700
Tolmie & Luyster . . .	5,969	4,312
David Barry & Co. . . .	5,700	3,800

The consideration of the matter of making awards of contracts was laid over to the next meeting.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley, as Janitrix. (Laid over since September 14, 1896, awaiting a school to which she could be transferred.)

G. S. No. 87.—The consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors (laid over since October 5, 1896), was again laid over, the Superintendent reporting progress.

G. S. No. 37 AND ANNEX.—Matter of contract of Peter N. Phillips for the erection of the Annex, etc., assignments, etc.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the Committee agree to recognize the assignment made by Peter N. Phillips to Margaret Phillips, of the contract for erecting an Annex and improving the premises and building of Grammar School No. 37, and of the assignment of certain moneys heretofore made, upon execution of the consent of the sureties, to the assignment of the contract of Peter N. Phillips to Margaret Phillips, and of certain moneys due and to become due thereunder in lieu of the consent signed November 30, 1896 for a similar purpose, and which has heretofore been filed. Said proposed assignment to be executed subsequent to the execution of the stipulation of Peter N. Phillips to Margaret Phillips for a Board of Arbitration.

Adopted.

Matter of pamphlet issued by the Federation of Churches and referred to in a communication from Good Government Club E. (Awaiting action of Pastors and Board of Trustees).

Matter of hiring store and basement of No. 144 Grand street. (Referred to the Chairman with power November 27, 1896.)

Awaiting the result of the conference between the Committee of this Board and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in regard to new quarters for this Board.

G. S. No. 69.—Assignment of R. McArtney, contractor for alterations, etc., to John Kattenhorn, of all moneys due or to become due on his contract.

The Superintendent reported that no money, as yet, is due on the contract.

Ordered, That assignment be returned to Mr. Kattenhorn with the statement that there is no money due, as yet, on the contract of Mr. McArtney.

G. S. No. 47.—Complaints against the Janitor. The Superintendent reported that he was investigating the complaint.

G. S. No. 64.—Geo. Gade, Janitor. The Superintendent reported that he had suspended Mr. Gade, indefinitely, for visiting the school while his children were confined at home with the measles.

Mr. Gade was present and heard, Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the action of the Superintendent of School Buildings in suspending Mr. Gade from duty indefinitely be approved, and that Mr. Gade remain under suspension until he files a certificate from the attending Physician that it is safe for him to return to duty.

Adopted.

PATROL INSPECTORS.—The following report was received from the Superintendent:

NEW YORK, *December 10th*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully report in reference to the matter of Patrol Inspectors, that I have received several applications for the positions, all of which have been carefully

examined. It appeared to me that the position called for general knowledge, rather than specific, and that also the personal character of the men was an item to be taken largely into consideration. I would therefore submit to you the following names of those men who have seemed to me to be qualified for the position:

I.—James M. DeWitt. Trade, Carpenter and Stair Builder, of thirty years' experience, whose references are as follows:

Oscar Gunz, Architect, No. 256 Broadway.

Henry Prentiss, Prest., No. 115 Liberty street.

H. G. Bell, No. 621 Broadway.

Charles Planer, Builder, Rutherford, N. J.

James L. Hastie, Special Dept. Surveyor, New York Custom House.

Richard Allison, Collector's Office, New York Custom House.

All of whom certify as to his ability, faithfulness as a workman and general integrity.

II.—John Quincy Adams, No. 101 West Eighty-ninth street.

He was employed in the Dept. of Public Works in 1894–95 as Inspector on Construction of the Lexington Avenue Cable Co., and refers to

E. P. Steers, President Twelfth Ward Bank.

Thomas E. Crimmins, No. 50 East Fifty-ninth street.

E. Payson Cone, *New York Ledger.*

Henry Hall, Editor, *New York Tribune.*

George P. Rowell, No. 10 Spruce street.

III.—Edmund C. Lee, No. 326 West Thirty-fourth street. Trade, Architectural Iron Worker.

He was clerk to various Committees in the State Legislature, viz.: Public Education and Engrossed Bills, and was employed by the Board of Education to keep it informed regarding legislation at the time. He refers to

Hon. J. L. N. Hunt.

Hon. J. Edward Simmons, President Fourth National Bank.

Hon. B. F. Manierre, No. 46 Broadway.

Hon. C. E. Lambert, Gen'l. Pass. Agt., West Shore R. R.

Charles Brice, Esq., No. 15 Howard street.

He presents letters from M. Kirwin, Foreman West Side Architectural Iron Works, No. 550 West Thirty-third street, certifying as to his ability and temperate habits, and is also recommended by Commissioner A. P. Ketchum. Letters are submitted.

IV.—Thomas A. Cline, No. 1085 Second avenue. Trade, Bricklayer and Mason.

He states that he has worked for 38 years with the best master masons in New York, and has done front work on some of the largest buildings in the City. He refers to

T. Kiernan, No. 202 East Sixty-eighth street, who employed him for the past ten years.

Smith Pine, No. 1164 Third avenue.

George C. Engle, No. 1083 Second avenue.

P. Savage, No. 326 East Fifty-seventh street.

He also files letters from all the above recommending him highly as a sober, industrious and trustworthy man and a first-class mechanic, and also from P. R. Gatens, No. 314 Broadway.

The following filed applications for the position but are not qualified:

V.—John H. Fincken, No. 560 West Twenty-third street, 28 years of age; is a clerk for H. Fincken, No. 560 West Twenty-third street, and states in his application that he is a mechanic "with two years experience at scene painting, a slight knowledge of carpenter work and in fact a slight knowledge of many things, but no master."

VI.—James C. Yates, No. 121 West One Hundred and fourth street. States that he has been a merchant, agent, broker, in the law business and now collects claims.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. Snyder,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board the appointment of the following named gentlemen as Patrol Inspectors, at an annual salary of $1,200 each, to serve during the pleasure of the Board, temporarily, to January 15, 1897, inclusive:

First District.—James M. DeWitt.
Second District.—John Quincy Adams.
Third District.—Thomas A. Cline.
Fourth District.—Edmund C. Lee.

Adopted.

The applications of John H. Fincken and James C. Yates were placed on file.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD STREET AND FULTON AVENUE.—The Superintendent submitted the following:

NEW YORK, *December* 10, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Henry de Forest Baldwin, Assistant in charge of the Bureau of Street Openings, Law Department, dated December 7th, in reply to my letter of the 2d inst., as to the date when title vested in the City to lands to be acquired in the proceedings entitled "In the matter of opening Fulton avenue, from the Twenty-third Ward line to East One Hundred and seventy-fifth street," and "In the matter of East One Hundred and seventy-third street, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue," informing me that in both of these cases the title vested November 23d, 1896, the date upon which the oaths of the Commissioners were filed in the office of the County Clerk.

In regard to our apparent ignorance of the date in which title was vested in the City and consequent delay in bringing the matter of advertising the building forward, would state that on November 12th one of the employees of this office called at the Bureau of Street Openings, and was informed that the Commissioners were not yet appointed and no definite information

was to be obtained in the case. They advised him to call again about the first of December.

I also inquired of Mr. Baldwin whether he thought it would be safe to go ahead with the erection of the school building upon the street, to which he answered, that he "could not properly reply to that part of my communication," and suggesting that I apply to the Counsel to the Corporation for a legal opinion in the matter. This I have done.

As the plans and specifications are printed and ready I would respectfully suggest that an advertisement be inserted in the *City Record* and the estimating go forward the customary length of time, upon the expiration of which we will probably have received an opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation, which, if unfavorable, will affect us in no other respect than to simply withdraw from the *Record* and lay the estimates over until such time as we are advised that it is possible to proceed. If favorable, then we will have gained just so much time.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That an advertisement be inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for erecting the building in question.

G. S. No. 74.—From A. Libman, No. 180 East Sixty-fourth street, making application to have a better room assigned to the Alumni Association of G. S. No. 74, than the one they are now permitted to use for meetings, etc.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

From Rev. W. F. Brush, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, offering to rent for school purposes the premises No. 463 West Forty-fourth street.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

NINETY-FIRST STREET AND FIRST AVENUE.—The Superintendent submitted a copy of a letter dated December 8, which

he had sent Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for the new school building at Ninety-first street and First avenue, calling his attention to his delay in prosecuting the work of his contract.

Ordered, That Mr. Walsh be summoned before the Committee at its meeting to be held December 14th, at 4 P. M.

G. S. No. 66. From Mr. Elmer A. Allen, former Chairman of the Board of School Trustees for the Twenty-fourth Ward, notifying this Board that he had delivered the keys of old Grammar School Building No. 66 to the Comptroller on July 9, 1896.

Placed on file.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that a resolution be introduced in the Board transferring the premises of old Grammar School No. 66, located at Kingsbridge, to the custody of the Comptroller, the same not being used for school purposes.

Adopted.

From Charles Buscall, Chief Inspector of Repairs, asking for a leave of absence from duty from December 15th to 31st, 1896.

The Superintendent recommended that the application be granted.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the leave of absence applied for be granted with full pay.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 58.—The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December 10th*, 1896.

C. B. SNYDER, ESQ.,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the application for additional exits to Grammar School No. 58, West Fifty-second street, I desire to report as follows:

I recommend that an opening be cut in the division wall separating the playroom from the Inspectors' meeting room on the front of the building, and that the present Inspectors' meeting

room be thrown into the playroom and doors cut on front for additional egress from the building, if above alterations are made. This would do away with the present Inspectors' meeting room, and would respectfully suggest that the application of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-first District to occupy the Library room on the first floor of Grammar School No. 69 as an Inspectors' meeting room be approved. This room is now ready to receive the furniture necessary for the Inspectors, and which can be removed from Grammar School No. 58 at small expense.

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be concurred in.

Adopted.

P. D. G. S. No. 60.—The Superintendent reported the death of Mr. John B. Peacock, Janitor, and that he had placed in charge thereof Mr. F. O. Peacock, who has never followed any other business but that of assisting his father in the care of the building and heating apparatus, and recommended that a permanent appointment be made at the next meeting.

The action of the Superintendent was approved and his recommendation adopted.

Commissioner ADAMS, on behalf of Commissioner ANDREWS, submitted the plans of St. Paul's Parish House, at One Hundred and Seventieth street and Washington avenue, and offering the same for school purposes.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings and City Superintendent.

G. S. No. 89.—From E. W. Stitt, Principal, to have curtains separating the assembly rooms removed, and sliding doors substituted.

Referred to the Superintendent.

G. S. No. 102.—City Island.—Commissioner Adams moved that a small outhouse be erected at G. S. No. 102 for the janitor's use, at an expense not to exceed $75, from the Buildings Contingent Fund.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 19.—Commissioner Agar moved that the lease of premises at One Hundred and thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue be amended by inserting an additional clause giving the owner and tenants of premises No. 2526 to No. 2534 Eighth avenue the right and privilege of using the doorway or entrance for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the cellars under the said premises; also, to permit wash poles now erected to remain standing.

Adopted, and to be reported to the Board.

The Committee took up the matter of awarding contracts, proposals for which were opened December 7th, and list recorded on pp. 414 and 415 of the minutes.

Commissioner Adams moved that the proposal of Wm. Horne for making the improvements at Grammar School No. 25 for the sum of $19,995 be accepted, and that the Board be requested to provide the necessary funds for carrying out the same.

Adopted.

Commissioner Adams moved that the verbal protest of Alfred Nugent & Son against said award be placed on file.

Adopted.

Commissioner Adams moved that the proposal of David Barry & Co. for alterations, repairs and erection of new iron and stone stairs at G. S. No. 101, amounting to $3,800, be accepted, and that the Board be requested to provide the necessary funds for carrying out the same.

Adopted.

The matter of awarding the contract for alterations, repairs,

etc., at G. S. No. 97 to Mahony Bros. for the sum of $5,300—the lowest bid—was referred to the Superintendent, to secure a reduction in the proposal if possible.

No. 224 W. SIXTY-THIRD STREET.—The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December* 10th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings.

GENTLEMEN:—In reference to the proposition of the Childrens' Aid Society, through the Secretary C. Loring Brace, to sell the property No. 224 West Sixty-third street to the city for school purposes, would respectfully report that I have examined the premises and find them to consist of a four story, basement and cellar building of brick, with one fireproof stairway running from the first to the fourth floor at the rear of the building and one small fireproof stairway from the basement to the first story on the westerly side of the building. In addition to these, there is one wooden, private stairway from basement to second story, giving access to the Janitor's apartments.

The basement contains the playroom, now used by both sexes, a lunch room, which could be converted into a playroom without expense, and the boys' and girls' closets, which are just sufficient for the present needs, there being room however for their enlargement.

The first floor contains offices, the Chapel and one Kindergarten room, which could be converted into four classrooms.

The second floor contains one very large classroom on the southeast corner and the Janitor's apartments on the westerly side. These could be converted into three classrooms. The balance of the story is taken up by the extra height of the Chapel ceiling.

The third story contains six classrooms while the fourth story is entirely unfinished, but could also be made to accommodate six classes. A total of twenty classes.

The main building is about 68 feet front by 80 feet deep, with a wing on the northwest corner 7 feet front by 20 feet deep.

The heating of the basement, the first story and hallways is accomplished by a hot air heater while, the classrooms are heated by stoves.

If this building were purchased it would be necessary to secure at least 25 feet on the westerly side to insure a continuance of light, air and ventilation. The easterly side of the building is upon the 75 foot line, with a 12 foot passageway taken from the adjoining lot, but from Mr. Brace's communication, which says that the building and four lots are worth a certain sum of money, I can understand that this easterly side would be protected without further expenditure.

Inasmuch as it will be necessary to apply to the Department of Buildings for permission to make alterations and improvements to fit this building for the accommodation of a larger number of children, especially with regard to the fourth floor, I am of the opinion that it would be utterly useless to attempt to make any estimate of the cost of the alterations until the plans have been first submitted to and approved by that department.

In accordance with the instructions of this Committee, Mr. Brace has been communicated with, asking for the lowest price at which they would sell. At 1:15 P. M. to-day I received a message over the telephone from Mr. Brace, through one of the clerks of the Childrens' Aid Society, stating that he had received my communication, but that the Trustees of the Society would not meet until Wednesday evening next, until which time nothing can be done.

Appraisal by Mr. F. C. Wagner, as to value of property, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER.

NEW YORK, *December 10th*, 1866.

C. B. J. SNYDER, ESQ.,
Superintendent of School Buildings,
Board of Education, New York City.

DEAR SIR:—I have examined for the Committee on Buildings, the property No. 224 West Sixty-third street, south side,

between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues. Lot 87.6 x 100 feet; building 76 x 80; four stories; brick and stone building, substantially built, occupied as a school for the Childrens' Aid Society. Neighborhood very poor, suitable only for tenement houses. Top floor building unfinished. Classrooms could be made to accommodate about 800 children. Except for school purposes, the property would not pay as an investment.

I should value the land and building at about $50,000. I doubt if the building could be rebuilt for less than $75,000. If the property was sold under foreclosure, my opinion is, it would not bring near $50,000.

Yours truly,

F. C. WAGNER,

Appraiser.

Laid over.

NEW YORK, *December* 10, 1896.

C. B J. SNYDER, ESQ.,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—In reference to the offer of Frederick M. Cromwell, No. 151 Liberty street, to lease two temporary buildings Nos. 202 and 204 Rivington street, opposite Grammar School No. 4, would respectfully report as follows:

No. 202 is a building 25 ft. front, 42 ft. deep on a lot 25x52.

No. 204 is 25 ft. front, 75 ft. deep on a lot 90 ft. deep.

The ceilings in both buildings are 11 ft. high in the 1st story; 10 ft. in the 2d story and 9 ft. 6 in the 3d story.

Premises are now rented and occupied by stores and tenements above.

This property could be made available for school use and we could get a total of nine class rooms in both buildings; this would leave the 1st story of Easterly building for exits, etc. Sanitary arrangements would have to be put in the court yards in the rear.

The price asked by the owner is $1,600 and $2,400 respectively, we to make all necessary repairs and pay the Croton water

charges. This would seem to be excessive when we take into consideration that the Board of Education must make the repairs; we have therefore communicated with the owner with a view of getting a more reasonable offer on these premises.

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

No. 463 W. FORTY-FOURTH STREET.—Offer of United Presbyterian Church of premises No. 463 W. Forty-fourth street for school purposes at a rental of $100 per month.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

The SUPERINTENDENT submitted a map dividing the city into four Patrol Inspection Districts, which was approved.

G. S. No. 15.—The SUPERINTENDENT recommended that the house adjoining G. S. No. 15 be fitted up for temporary use, and that $895 be appropriated from the Buildings Contingent Fund for the purpose.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December* 10, 1896.

C. B. J. SNYDER, Esq.,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—Pursuant with your request I have examined the following premises which are owned by the Board of Education, with a view of utilizing them for temporary school purposes if possible.

First, three houses in East Houston and Essex streets, adjoining Grammar School No. 13.

I find that No. 235, directly adjoining the school, is a 5 story tenement 25 feet wide x 70 feet deep; over 35 feet in height, non-fireproof, and therefore could not be altered for school pur-

poses, unless you deem it advisable to remove the two top stories and put a temporary roof over the present 3rd story ceiling; by this arrangement you could get two classrooms on each floor, making six classrooms.

The height of ceiling 1st story, 11 feet 4 inches; 2nd story, 9 feet 6 inches; 3rd story, 9 feet 6 inches.

Nos. 231–233 East Houston street, buildings are very old and in very bad repair; would not recommend the use for temporary school purposes. Ceilings 9 feet high 1st and 2nd story; average 7 feet 6 inches in the attic.

Nos. 180–182 Essex street, ceilings only 8 feet high; buildings very old and in bad repair. Would not recommend for school purposes.

It would seem that as only one building would be available for school purposes, it would now be advisable to push the work on the Annex as fast as practicable to relieve the congested condition of Grammar School No. 13.

Second, at No. 732 East Fifth street, adjoining Grammar School No. 15, building is 21 feet front, 46 feet deep; 1st story, ceiling 10 feet; 2nd story, 9 feet 6 inches; 3rd story, about 11 feet in front and 8 feet 6 inches in the rear. Building is 39 feet high from curb and is non-fireproof. Can get accommodations for five classes and would respectfully suggest that a special request be made to the Board of Examination of Department of Buildings for permission to use this for temporary school purposes.

The other two properties adjoining Grammar Schools No. 32 and 3 respectively, the City Superintendent reports are not in congested Districts.

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Sup't of School Buildings.

Approved.

The Superintendent reported that the premises No. 316 East Fifteenth street and Nos. 213-217 West Twenty-sixth street have been offered for school purposes, and upon consultation with the

City Superintendent, he reports that additional room is not required in either of these localities.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the offers be declined with thanks.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The minutes of the meeting held December 3d, as printed were amended, by inserting "Commissioner LITTLE was excused for non-attendance at this meeting."

The minutes of the meetings held November 27th, 30th, December 2d, 3d and 7th, as printed and amended were read and approved.

P. S. No. 41—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix (laid over since September 14, 1896, awaiting a school to which she can be transferred).

G. S. No. 87—Consideration of the matter of using a wax floor oil preparation on floors.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December* 14th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—In the matter of the use of wax oil finish for floors in school buildings, I would respectfully recommend that it be used upon all playrooms, corridors, etc., in the school buildings, where the floors are of wood.

There is certainly ground for objections to the use of this preparations in classrooms, where the clothing of the teachers and pupils comes in contact with the floors, as the dust is retained upon the surface of the oil until removed by the Janitor by

sweeping, and the clothing coming in contact therewith is soiled and injured.

The cost of applying the finish to first floor and corridors of second and third floors, P. S. No. 35, a building 100x125 feet, is $16.00. The material costs $1.25 per gallon or $.93 per gallon where bought by the barrel, and a gallon is said to cover from 250 to 300 square feet.

I am of the opinion that the application can be easily made by the Janitor after scrubbing the floors, all that is required being simply to fit a piece of Brussels carpet on a board, pour the oil into a very shallow dish, and apply with the carpet to the floor, going over it again with another cloth to remove any surplus material, etc.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Sup't of School Buildings.

The SUPERINTENDENT was instructed to test the use of wax floor oil in the corridors of one or two school buildings, and report the results to this Committee.

G. S. No. 37 AND ANNEX.—Assignment of $1,500, from the third payment on contract of Peter N. Phillips for work on the old building of G. S. No. 37, to John Spence.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the request of Mr. Peter N. Phillips for permission to assign $1,500, from the third payment on his contract for work on the old building of G. S. No. 37, dated November 10th, 1896, to John Spence be, and the same is hereby granted.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 37 AND ANNEX.—Assignment of $5,000, out of the third payment on contract of Peter N. Phillips for erecting the Annex building, to the Van Dorn Iron Works Co.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the request of Peter N. Phillips for the permission to assign $5,000, from the third pay-

ment on his contract for erecting the Annex to G. S. No. 37, dated October 27th, 1896, to the Van Dorn Iron Works Co. be, and the same is hereby granted.

Adopted.

A draft of a letter to be sent Mr. Ralph S. Townsend, arbitrator, appointed by this Committee, in the matter of contract of Mr. Peter N. Phillips, and to be signed by the Superintendent, was read and approved.

No. 144 GRAND STREET.—Matter of hiring store and basement of premises No. 144 Grand street.

(Referred to Chairman with power November 27).

(Awaiting the result of a conference with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment).

G. S. No. 47.—Complaints preferred against the Janitor of the school.

The SUPERINTENDENT stated that Alonzo McMullen reports that Conrad Lohr, his father-in-law and Janitor of G. S. No. 47, died December 13, at 8:20 o'clock A. M., and that he had appointed him temporary Janitor of the school until further notice.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Superintendent in making such temporary appointment be approved.

Adopted.

Offer of church at One Hundred and seventieth street and Washington avenue, "St. Paul's Parish House" for school purposes.

Superintendent of School Buildings and City Superintendent to report.

G. S. No. 97.—The Superintendent reported progress in the matter of awarding the contract for alteration, repairs, erecting iron and stone stairs to Mahony Bros., for $5,300.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent:

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS,
NEW YORK, *December* 14, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Education at the meeting held December 2d, referred to this Committee a communication from Mr. F. Delano Weeks, calling attention to the fact that at the annual meeting of the Childrens' Aid Society, it was voted to offer the Board of Education the use of the "Henrietta School," located at No. 215 East Twenty-first street, for school purposes. The matter has been brought to the attention of the City Superintendent of Schools Jasper, who reports that additional school accommodations are not needed in this locality. The offer must therefore be declined.

At a subsequent date a communication from Mr. C. Loring Brace, Secretary of the Childrens' Aid Society, was received by the Chairman of this Committee, stating that it had been suggested to him by Mr. Locke, Chief Attendance Officer, that the Board of Education might wish to use the building as a place of detention for truants, and offering to sell the building and land for $40,000, it having cost them $72,000.

The matter of the suitableness of the premises for the proposed school was referred to me by the Chairman for examination and report, which I respectfully submit as follows:

The building is three stories, basement and attic high; about 37 feet front by 70 feet deep. The basement contains a playroom, kitchen and two bathrooms, with pupils' closets in yard at the rear.

First, second and third floors are divided into two large rooms by means of rolling partitions, while a small room is formed at the end of the hall in second and third floors.

The attic is divided into six rooms. Toilet accommodations exist on the third and fourth floors, with running water on the first and second floors.

A fire escape with connection on each floor, is placed on the rear of the building extending from fourth floor to yard.

The building is heated by furnaces.

The whole structure seems to be in a good state of repair. The basement could be used for a playroom, kitchen and laundry. The first floor divided with offices in front, dining room in rear. Second floor could be used for study and reading rooms and the third floor for dormitories. Fourth floor, Janitor, Matron and Instructor.

Under this arrangement forty or fifty boys could be cared for.

The cost of fitting up is somewhat problematical, but on this basis would say,

Kitchen and Laundry	$500
Beds	500
Furniture and Crockery	500
	$1,500
The repairs to the building, painting, alterations to stairs, putting up window guards, railings, etc., say	1,000
	$2,500

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Sup't of School Buildings.

Ordered, That the facts as contained in the Superintendent's report be reported to the Board with a request that the same be referred to the Committee on Sites.

224 WEST SIXTY-THIRD STREET.—Offer of the Children's Aid Society, through its secretary, of the building No. 224 West Sixty-third street.

Laid over awaiting report from Trustees of the Society.

G. S. No. 64.—Matter of George Gade, Janitor. The Superintendent reported that on December 11th, he had revoked the suspension of Mr. Gade from duty as Janitor, the physician at-

tending his children having filed a certificate that Mr. Gade could safely return to his duties, the child being now convalescent.

He also stipulated that Mr. Gade should not visit the house where his family resided, nor hold any communication with the members thereof, until two weeks from date of communication.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

From New York Venetian Blind Co. declining to supply the Board with blinds after January 1, 1897, for twelve (12) cents per square foot, and increasing the price to fifteen (15) cents.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file, and the Superintendent be instructed not to order the purchase of their blinds for the present and to so notify the company.

8TH DISTRICT.—From the Inspectors, asking that the premises lately acquired, adjoining G. S. No. 15, in Fifth street, be devoted to school purposes; also, recommending that the vacant lots adjoining P. S. No. 31 be devoted to playgrounds; also, to provide classrooms in the Union Market house; also, that rooms now used for cooking class in G. S. No. 71 be fitted up with furniture for use as a class-room.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified that all the recommendations contained in their communication had already been approved.

9TH DISTRICT.—From the Inspectors, recommending the purchase of the building on the east side of G. S. No. 8; also the purchase of two wooden tenements in rear of P. S. 13.

Referred to the Committee on Sites.

Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for erecting the new school building at Ninety-first street and First avenue, appeared before the Committee in response to its request, and made statements as to why he had not made greater progress in the execution of his contract.

The Committee refused to accept the reasons given as being

any justification for the delay, and he was directed to push the work at once with greater vigor, or the Committee would take action looking to the cancellation of the contract.

The SUPERINTENDENT reported that he had placed on duty, temporarily, as Inspector of work of erecting new P. S. No. 5, on December 9, 1896, *vice* Peter J. Reilly, absent on account of illness, Frank J. Connell.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

The SUPERINTENDENT submitted a list of draughtsmen employed by him on new school work, as follows:

W. S. Layer,	$10	per week—	on duty	Dec. 7th.
M. F. Duflocq,	20	"	"	Dec. 9th.
John B. Robinson,	25	"	"	Dec. 10th.
George Dession,	18	"	"	Dec. 11th.
Edward L. Middleton,	10	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Benjamin Steckler,	15	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Edward Riordan,	25	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Emile E. Campbell,	18	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Benjamin W. Levitansky,	10	"	"	Dec. 14th.
F. W. Sherwin,	20	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Joseph T. Murphy,	18	"	"	Dec. 14th.
Herman Behlen,	25	"	"	Dec. 14th.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the action of the Superintendent in making said appointments be approved, salaries to be paid from the Bond Account, and that the matter be referred to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a suggestion in reference to ascertaining, if possible, the shortest time in which the new school building at 126th street and St. Nicholas avenue, can be built and the cost thereof.

Approved.

The Superintendent submitted the sketch plans for the new school building to be erected on Broadway, Scammel and Gouverneur streets; also the annex to P. S. No. 13.

Approved.

32D DISTRICT.—Mrs. Abbie Hamlin MacIvor, M. D., Inspector of the 32d District, appeared before the Committee and urged the fitting up of the property recently rented from St. Mary's Church, for use as an annex to Grammar School No. 60, and that Grammar children be placed therein.

The City Superintendent was present and concurred in the recommendation of the Inspector.

Adopted.

6TH DISTRICT.—Inspector John King of the 6th District appeared before the Committee and spoke on the needs of the schools in his district, and urged the erection of the Annex to G. S. No. 34.

The Superintendent explained that the plans and specifications were ready, but that as the present annex, which is an old dwelling, poorly adapted for the 6 classes of children contained therein, would have to be removed in order to carry out the plans, he had hesitated to recommend this, but preferred to await the acquisition of title to property now being acquired at the rear of the school, into which the children could be transferred pending the erection of the new structure.

Referred to the Superintendent, to ascertain when title would be acquired.

18TH DISTRICT—From the Inspectors making application for a meeting room.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From Messrs. K. Hayden & Co., No. 320 West 145th street, offering premises Nos. 1397 and 1399 Avenue A, for temporary school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that the premises had been ex

amined and the building found non-fireproof and unsuitable for school purposes.

The offer was declined with thanks.

The Superintendent reported that he had received an offer of temporary school accommodations from St. Peter's P. E. Church, in their Parish Building, Twentieth street and Ninth avenue, and that the City Superintendent had reported to him that additional accommodations were not required in this district.

The offer was declined with thanks.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December* 14th, 1896.

C. B. J. SNYDER, ESQ.,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—I visited Union Market, corner East Houston and Columbia streets, and beg to report as follows:

The westerly end of building, and second and third stories, are now occupied by the Thirteenth Precinct Police Station, the only available space being the vacant Goose Market on east end of building, which could be utilized for accommodation of two classes. There is abundance of light and air. This room is 29 feet by 66 feet, ceiling 14 feet high.

Sanitary arrangements would have to be provided, new floors laid, and the necessary partitions erected, and minor alterations made, costing about $1,000.

The building is three stories in height, and over 35 feet to highest point of roof beams.

The ceiling of first floor is built of iron beams and brick arches.

I respectfully recommend that steps be taken to secure the use of this portion of building if possible, and the consent of the Building Department can be obtained.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Superintendent was instructed to take the proper steps to secure space for two classes in Union Market, corner East Houston and Columbia streets.

The Committee opened proposals for making alterations, repairs, etc., on the following-named schools, received in response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record*, at Grammar Schools No. 4, 15, 18, 22 and 57:

	G. S. No. 4.	G. S. No. 15.	G. S. No. 18.	G. S. No. 22.	G. S. No. 57.
John F. Johnson . .	$1,050	$1,130	$1,190	$2,674	----
Werner & Haas . .	----	----	850	----	----
Patrick Sullivan . .	673	1,585	1,180	2,369	$2,147
William Horne . .	----	----	----	2,450	----
Tolmie & Luyster .	991	1,534	1,288	----	1,930
Christopher Nally .	----	----	----	----	1,765
Jones & O'Connor .	1,012	1,545	1,210	2,400	2,600
Mahony Bros. . .	768	1,589	1,123	2,475	1,980
John Law	890	----	997	----	2,338
John H. Goetschius	779	999	----	1,386	----
Wm. Jameson . .	----	1,850	1,161	----	----
Wm. A. Gedney . .	799	1,240	871	2,488	2,021
P. K. Lantry . . .	----	----	1,212.85	----	1,782
Geo. H. Taber . .	980	1,940	1,245	----	1,944
Chas. Kyritz . . .	1,269	----	----	----	1,700

Mr. Goetschius stated to the Committee that his proposal for $1,386, for work to be executed at G. S. No. 22 was an error, he having intended to insert G. S. No. 18, and desired to withdraw it.

The Committee denied the request, and Mr. Goetschius agreed to forfeit five per cent. (5%) of the amount of his proposal as provided in the terms of the advertisement soliciting proposals.

The proposals of Chas. Kyritz for work to be done at Grammar Schools Nos. 4 and 57, were rejected, in consequence of work heretofore done by him not being satisfactory.

The Committee made the following named awards:

Patrick Sullivan, G. S. No. 4	$673 00
John H. Goetschius, G. S. No. 15	999 00
Werner & Haas, G. S. No. 18	850 00
Patrick Sullivan, G. S. No. 22	2,369 00
Christopher Nally, G. S. No. 57	1,765 00

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary funds to enable the Committee to carry out the contracts as above awarded.

Adopted.

Proposals for improving the new lot, etc., adjoining Grammar School No. 76, received in response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days:

Jones & O'Connor	$13,300 00
Tolmie & Luyster	12,339 00
Christopher Nally	10,775 00
David Barry & Co.	9,999 00
Alfred Nugent & Son	9,847 00
Hartman & Horgan	10,973 00
John F. Johnson	11,537 00

Commissioner AGAR moved that the contract be awarded to Alfred Nugent & Son, for the sum of $9,847, and that the matter be reported to the Board for the necessary appropriation and approval.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The Committee in response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, opened the following named proposals for making alterations to Janitor's apartments:

	G. S. No. 31.	G. S. No. 70.	G. S. No. 71.	G. S. No. 73.	G. S. No. 78.
Jones & O'Connor,	$1,040	$1,050	$2,050	$1,750	$830
Werner & Haas,	....	1,150	....	1,200	....
Springsted & Adamson,	....	1,195	....	....	967
Wm. Jameson,	....	1,050	....	....	....
Wm. A. Gedney,	1,321	981	1,497	1,874	1,021
Christopher Nally,	1,585	1,430	....	1,279	1,135
John H. Goetschius,	1,379	1,199	1,500	1,300	1,300
Geo. H. Taber,	1,600	1,200	1,700	1,600	1,280
Patrick Sullivan,	1,560	1,290	1,687	1,386	....
Mahony Bros.,	1,160	1,119	1,598	1,390	890
Jno. Valentine,	1,340	....	....	....	1,044
Jno. F. Johnson,	1,229	1,085	....	1,700	1,284
P. K. Lantry,	....	....	....	1,321	....
James A. Lavelle,	....	1,480	....	....	1,423
J. B. Wilson,	....	2,015	....	1,623	....
Tolmie & Luyster,	1,331	1,067	1,697	1,977	1,077

The following named awards of contracts were made, being in each case to the lowest bidder:

Jones & O'Connor—G. S. No. 31,	$1,040
Wm. A. Gedney—G. S. No. 70,	981

Wm. A. Gedney—G. S. No. 71, ...	$1,497
Werner & Haas—G. S. No. 73, ...	1,200
Jones & O'Connor—G. S. No. 78, ...	830

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary funds to enable the Committee to carry out the contracts as above awarded.

Adopted.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix (laid over since September 14, 1896, awaiting a school to which she can be transferred).

No. 144 GRAND STREET.—Matter of hiring store and basement.

Referred to the Chairman with power on November 27, 1896.

Awaiting the result of a conference with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Offer by the church, One hundred and seventieth street and Washington avenue, of the "St. Paul's Parish House" for school purposes.

Referred to Superintendent Snyder for report as to the adaptability of the premises for school purposes, and to Superintendent Jasper for a report as to the necessity of additional school accommodations in this district.

Consideration of the matter of making an award of the contract for making alterations, repairs, etc., erecting iron and stone stairways, at G. S. 97, was again laid over for report as to whether Mahony Bros., lowest bidders, will make a reduction in the proposal.

Offer of the Children's Aid Society, through the secretary, of the building No. 224 West Sixty-third street, for school purposes.

Laid over.

G. S. No. 64.—The Superintendent recommended the absence

of Mr. George Gade, Janitor, who was suspended from duty on account of illness in his family be excused with pay during the illness of his child.

Approved.

G. S. No. 94.—The Superintendent submitted the sketch plans for erecting the annex.

Approved.

G. S. No. 91.—The Superintendent submitted the sketch plans for the new annex.

The Superintendent was instructed to prepare plans for a building and improvements covering the entire lot.

One Hundred and Nineteenth Street and Madison Avenue.—The Superintendent reported that the new school building, One hundred and nineteenth street and Madison avenue, was opened ready for pupils on the 14th inst.; the work under the various contracts is not wholly completed, but there will be no interference with the school sessions.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a draft of a new rule for Janitors in reference to contagious diseases, viz.:

"31. In the event of there being at any time a case of contagious or infectious disease in the family of a Janitor, he shall at once report the fact in writing to the Principal of the school and also to the Superintendent of School Buildings, together with a written statement from the attending physician, stating the nature of the disease and whether or not the patient is isolated, what other precautions have been taken, and if it will be safe for the Janitor to perform his duties in the school."

Adopted and to be reported to the Board.

184 and 186 Cherry Street.—The Superintendent reported that on Nov. 25, 1896, this Committee signed a lease with S. Proskey for the building Nos. 184 and 186 Cherry street, which he was to alter and deliver to us for school purposes on Dec. 15,

1896; also the work has progressed so slowly that it is probable that we will be unable to take possession until Jan. 15, 1897, and recommended that a protest be filed with the Lessor against this delay.

Commissioner PRENTISS moved that the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Proskey that if the work is not completed by Jan. 1, 1897, the lease may be cancelled, and under no circumstance will this Board pay rental for the premises until we are in possession of the same.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 77.—The SUPERINTENDENT submitted a report to the effect that under a new measurement of the building and in accordance with the by-laws, the Janitor of this school is entitled to an annual salary of $3,159, taking effect Sept. 15, 1896.

Approved.

The following named appropriations were made:

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

Seventy-first street and the Boulevard, Alterations	$330 *
419-421 Broome street, Plan case, tables, etc.	690 †
P. S. No. 46, Leaders	545 §
G. S. No. 101, Furniture	565 ‡

SPECIAL ALTERATIONS JANITOR'S APARTMENTS.

G. S. No. 39	$570 *
G. S. No. 46	555‡‡
G. S. No. 85	449§

Proposals were opened for work on above named schools and premises as follows:

ALTERATIONS AT SEVENTY-FIRST STREET AND BOULEVARD.

Matthew J. Crowley (see above)	$330 *
James Hamilton	396
J. H. Van Tine	350

PLAN CASE, TABLE, ETC., ETC., FOR 419-421 BROOME STREET.

P. Sullivan (see above)	$690 †
Mahony Bros.	775
A. Ravekes & Son	777

LEADERS P. S. NO. 46.

D. G. Pecora	$775
John Kelly	710
Christopher Nally (see above)	545 §

FURNITURE, G. S. NO. 101.

Andrews Mfg. Co.	$667 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.	694 00
O. Rockefeller	785 00
C. H. Browne (see above)	565 00 ‡

SPECIAL ALTERATION TO JANITOR'S APARTMENTS, G. S. NO. 39

Cornelius Manning	$850 00
Edward Gustaveson (see above)	570 00 *
James Hamilton	949 00
John F. Johnson	619 00

ALTERATION TO JANITOR'S APARTMENTS, O. S. NO. 46.

James Hamilton	$975 00
Jones & O'Connor	925 00
Ed. Gustaveson	695 00
John A. Voorhees	890 00
Mahony Bros.	698 00
A. Campbell (see above)	555 00 ‡‡
John F. Johnson	841 00

SPECIAL ALTERATION TO JANITOR'S APARTMENTS, G. S. NO. 85.

Cornelius Manning	$725 00
James Hamilton	673 00
Mahony Bros. (see above)	449 00 §
Edward Gustaveson	450 00
John F. Johnson	674 00

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 14.—Heating and Ventilating, Frank Dobson, contractor; dated June 23, 1896; extended to December 5, 1896.

G. S. No. 15.—Repairs, etc., William Jameson, contractor; dated June 15, 1896; extended to November 7, 1896.

G. S. No. 19.—Repairs, etc., William Jameson, contractor; dated July 18, 1896; extended to November 16, 1896.

G. S. No. 27.—Repairs, etc., William Horne, contractor; dated August 10, 1896; extended to December 8, 1896.

G. S. No. 29.—Fire Alarm Connections, Belden & Seely, contractors; dated July 15, 1896; extended to October 22, 1896.

G. S. 34.—Repairs, etc., L. G. Preusch, contractor; dated June 27, 1896; extended to December 7, 1866.

G. S. No. 35.—Repairs, etc., J. W. Jones, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to December 9, 1896.

G. S. No. 72.—Repairs, etc., Robert Macbeth, contractor; dated July 16, 1896; extended to December 7, 1896.

G. S. No. 83.—Repairs, etc., Erskine & McGregor, contractors; dated July 17, 1896; extended to December 7, 1896.

G. S. No. 90.—Repairs, etc., Wm. Hudson, contractor; dated August 10, 1896; extended to November 25, 1896.

G. S. No. 93.—Altering Janitor's Apartments. John Law, contractor; dated September 21, 1896; extended to December 7, 1896.

P. S. No. 14.—Repairs, etc., D. F. Gibb, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to November 30, 1896.

G. S. Nos. 6, 53, 59, 73, 74 and P. S. No. 17.—Fire Alarm Connections, Belden & Seely, contractors; dated July 15, 1896; extended to October 22, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 14. Frank Dobson. Heating and ventilating apparatus $5,198.00

G. S. No. 15.	William Jameson. Repairs, etc. .	$600.00
" " 19.	William Jameson. Repairs, etc. .	965.00
" " 27.	William Horne. Repairs, etc., .	550.00
" " 29.	Belden & Seely. Fire alarm connections,	364.20
" " 34.	L. G. Preusch. Repairs, etc., .	475.00
" " 35.	J. W. Jones. Repairs, etc., .	1,397.00
" " 72.	Robert Macbeth. Repairs, etc., .	1,817.60
" " 83.	Erskine & McGregor. Repairs, etc.,	900.00
" " 90.	William Hudson. Repairs, etc., .	1,075.00
" " 93.	John Law. Alterations to Janitor's apartments, ...	322.00
P. S. " 14.	D. F. Gibb. Repairs, etc., . .	974.00
G. S. Nos. 6, 53, 59, 73, 74 and P. S. No. 17.	Belden & Seely. Fire alarm connections,	2,203.13

From His Honor the Mayor, submitting a communication from Mr. F. A. Thayer, with reference to using for school purposes a building at Highbridge Park, recently acquired by the City.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor, and Mr. Thayer be notified that additional school accommodations are not needed in that locality, and extend the thanks of the Committee for the interest they have taken in the matter of providing accommodations.

The Chairman was instructed to request, at the session of the Board, that the report of this Committee, awarding a contract to Harry McNally for the erection of a new school building for G. S. No. 102, located at City Island, at an expense of $70,750, be withdrawn from the Finance Committee and referred back to the Committee on Buildings, it being the opinion of this Committee that a less expensive building can be erected; also to give the Committee power to readvertise for proposals.

The following rules defining the duties of a Patrol Inspector of repairs, were adopted and ordered to be reported to the Board for adoption as a law.

PATROL INSPECTOR.

"The duties of a Patrol Inspector shall be, to visit every school building within his assigned District once every fortnight, and carefully examine the same from cellar to roof inclusive, together with all parts and appurtenances thereof, with respect to their safety and necessary repairs, and in the event of any repairs being needed at once, the cost of which will not exceed $10, and in the absence of the Principal of the Senior Department of such school, direct the Janitor to order such work forthwith, the Inspector endorsing the order in lieu of the Principal of the school.

In the event of the needed repairs exceeding $10 in value, and being within the limit of $500, he shall forthwith submit a detailed report thereof, together with his recommendations, in the form of a specification of the work and materials necessary, to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

To report in writing any and all derelictions of Janitors in the performance of their duties, of which he has knowledge.

To report in writing any work, either public or private, adjoining the school premises, which would in any way affect the safety or comfort of the occupants thereof.

To make all reports regarding inspections in writing.

To enter in Books furnished by this Board, the date and hour of each inspection, the school inspected, the time occupied in making such inspection, and to report in person as instructed by the Superintendent of School Buildings."

The City Superintendent submitted the following report, giving the order in which certain school buildings should be erected:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *December* 15th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

With reference to the communication dated December 11, 1896, asking for the order in which certain buildings should be

erected and the number of classes which each should contain, I would recommend the following order, etc.:

1. On southeast corner of Houston and Essex streets, adjoining Grammar School No. 13, to contain fifteen classrooms.

2. On north side of Sixty-eighth street, adjoining Grammar School No. 94, to contain twelve classrooms.

3. On south side of One hundred and forty-first street between St. Ann's and Brook avenues, to be a *Primary School* and to contain from twenty to twenty-four classrooms.

4. On south side of Grammar School No. 91, Ogden avenue, to contain at least twelve classrooms.

5. On Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, for Grammar School No. 40 and Primary School No. 29, to contain forty-two classrooms. These are Manual Training Schools, and the building should be arranged for Grammar Boys and a Mixed Primary Department.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

Placed on file.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The Superintendent reported that Mahony Bros. had sent him a communication refusing to reduce their proposal of $5,300 for making alterations, repairs and new iron and stone stairs at Grammar School No. 97.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the award of contract be made to Mahony Bros. for $5,300—they being the lowest bidders, and that the Board be requested to make the necessary appropriation for carrying out the contract, the work having been ordered by the Department of Buildings.

(For list of proposals received see minutes, p. 415.)

Adopted.

G. S. No. 91.—The Superintendent submitted a block plan of property adjoining Grammar School No. 91 on Ogden avenue, and called attention to the necessity of securing the balance of the block in order to protect the school and make a satisfactory addition to the old building.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that inasmuch as the streets around this school site are opened or are about to be opened, that this Committee recommend to the Committee on Sites that they take the necessary steps to secure the remainder of the block upon which this school is located.

Adopted.

G. S. No. 30.—The Superintendent submitted a copy of a notice which he had served on Harry McNally, contractor for

erecting Grammar School No. 30, on Eighty-eighth street, near Third avenue, to the effect that his contract expired on December 19, 1896.

Mr. McNally appeared before the Committee and made explanation as to the cause of his delay in completing his contract in the time specified.

Commissioner AGAR moved that Mr. McNally be granted four months extension of time for the completion of his contract.

Adopted.

The Superintendent stated that the Andrews Manufacturing Company had failed to complete their contract for new furniture at G. S. No. 30 although frequently requested to do so.

He was instructed to write them that if the work was not completed within 3 days their contract would be canceled.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following-named contracts:

G. S. No. 38.—Repairs, etc., William Horne, contractor; dated, August 10, 1896; extended to December 14, 1896.

G. S. No. 40.—Repairs, etc., James S. Roberts, contractor; dated, July 21, 1896; extended to November 11, 1896.

P. S. No. 21.—Erecting Iron Stairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated, July 18, 1896; extended to December 18, 1896.

HALL OF THE BOARD. New Furniture for office of the Clerk, M. Ohmer's Sons Co., contractors; dated, January 17, 1896; extended to December 21, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payments on the following-named contracts:

William Horne, G. S. 38, Repairs, etc. . . .	$550 00
James S. Roberts, G. S. No. 40, Repairs, etc. . .	495 00
Mahony Bros., P. S. No. 21, Erecting Iron Stairs, etc.	1,250 00
M. Ohmer's Sons Co., Hall, Furniture for Clerk's Office.	934 65

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education met this day at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR, HURLBUT and PRENTISS—5.

The minutes of the meeting held December 10th, were amended, on p. 417, as follows:

In the motion of Commissioner AGAR, by striking out the word "of" in the fourth line; inserting the word "said" before the word "assignment" in the sixth line; and the twelfth line, by striking out the word "to" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and."

The minutes of the meeting held December 10th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

G. S. No. 37 AND ANNEX.—The Clerk was directed to file with the Comptroller certified copies of the assignments made by Peter N. Phillips and Margaret Phillips, of the contract for work on this school.

G. S. No. 37 AND ANNEX.—Contract of Peter N. Phillips.—A report was received from the Board of Arbitrators, signed by Isaac A. Hopper and Ralph S. Townsend, deciding "that the said Phillips is obligated, under his contract and specifications, to carry out any and all orders given by the Building Department in connection with said building, without extra charge or compensation."

The Clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Phillips with a copy of this decision, and demand on behalf of this Committee, that he

proceed forthwith with his work and complete the contract in the time specified, February 15th, 1897.

The Board of Arbitration, in the matter of Peter N. Phillips, submitted bills for services rendered, as follows:

Ralph S. Townsend, ...	$200 00
Isaac A. Hopper, ...	50 00

Laid over.

P. S. No. 41.—Matter of retaining Miss Mary Gormley as Janitrix. (Laid over since September 14th, 1896, awaiting a school to which she can be transferred)

No. 144 Grand Street.—Matter of renting store and basement. (Awaiting result of a conference between the Commissioner and the Board of Estimate and Apportoinment, in regard to new quarters for the Board of Education).

One Hundred and Seventieth Street and Washington Avenue.—Offer of Church, "St. Paul's Parish House," for school purposes.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the Rector had been seen, and stated that the matter of replacing their sittings by school furniture would have to be considered by the Vestry, for which purpose he would hold a meeting at once, and communicate the decision to this Board.

Awaiting report from City Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings. (See minutes, p. 446.)

No. 224 West Sixty-Third Street. – Offer of Children's Aid Society, through the Secretary, of the premises No. 224 West Sixty-third Street. (See minutes, Committee on Buildings, pp. 426, 427, 428, 437, and 446.)

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 38.—Repairs, etc.—William Horne, contractor, dated August 10th, 1896; extended to December 14th, 1896.

G. S. No. 40.—Repairs, etc.—James S. Roberts, contractor, dated July 21st, 1896; extended to November 11, 1896.

P. S. No. 21.—Erecting iron stairs, etc., Mahony Bros., contractors; dated July 18, 1896; extended to December 18, 1896.

HALL OF THE BOARD.—Furniture for clerk's office, M. Ohmer's Sons Co., contractors; extended to December 21, 1896.

The Committee approved the final payment on the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 38.—William Horne, repairs .	$550 00
G. S. No. 40.—James S. Roberts, repairs	495 00
P. S. No. 21.—Mahony Bros., erecting iron stairs, etc. . . .	1,250 00
Hall of the Board.—M. Ohmer's Sons Co., Office Furniture	934 65

Commissioner HURLBUT submitted a report from the Subcommittee on Janitors, stating "that it held a meeting on Thursday, December 17, 1896, and had before it ten (10) Janitors, whose cases were heard and satisfactorily disposed of. In one case of absence from duty during school hours, provided against by Rule No. 3, it appears that the Principal had ordered the Janitor to take the pay-roll to a neighboring school during the school session, and your Committee has directed that the attention of the Principal be called to this rule, which has been done."

Placed on file.

No. 127 GRAND STREET.—From Henry von Minden, withdrawing his offer to lease the store and part of basement, the same having been rented by other parties, and offering the first loft in said premises.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report to the effect that as the balance in the account, "Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of" is insufficient to pay the Inspectors and Draughtsmen employed on said work to January 1, 1897, he respectfully recommended that the following appropriations made September 2, 1896 (see minutes, p. 231), be rescinded, viz.:

App. No. 54.	P. S. No. 44	$199	00
" 55.	" 45	95	00
" 56.	" 46	99	00
" 57.	" 47	95	00

and that the bills incurred on said appropriations be paid from the "Buildings Contingent Fund," and to be designated as follows:

App. No. 236.	P. S. No. 44	$199	00
" 237.	" 45	95	00
" 238.	" 46	99	00
" 239.	" 47	95	00

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

From John H. Goetschius, asking that the certified check which he forfeited on his proposal for making repairs, etc., at G. S. No. 22 (see minutes, p. 442), he having intended to place the amount of his proposal $1,386 for work on G. S. No. 18 instead of G. S. No. 22, be restored to him.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the request be denied, and that Mr. Goetschius be respectfully notified that he is not entitled to the relief asked for.

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Superintendent appropriations were made from the fund, "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs:"

App. No.			
574	G. S. No.	5.—Police Department, testing boiler, Nov. 23	$2 00
575	"	70.—E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., clocks, Nov. 6	56 00
576	"	45.—Heywood Bros. & Co., chairs, Nov. 7	39 00
577	"	70.—Heywood Bros. & Co., chairs, Nov. 17	33 00
578	"	43.—H. Franklin, glazing, etc., Sept. 29	14 05
579	"	94 Annex.—J. C. Byrne, alterations, Nov. 3	150 54
580	P. S. No.	32.—J. Reeber's Sons, flagpole, front doors stoops, etc., Sept. 30	25 00
581	G. S. No.	6.—P. Greene, sanitary, Aug. 4	17 53
582	P. S. No.	4.—Jno. Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 12	20 83
583	G. S. No.	72.—John Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 13	12 77
584	"	69.—John Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 19	26 53
585	"	80.—John Buchanan, sanitary, Dec. 1	14 80

The Superintendent recommended that the following named appropriations be made, he having solicited three proposals in each case, and the amount recommended in each case being the lowest estimate, viz.:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.			
586	G. S. No.	5.—Venetian blinds	$101 88
587	"	7.—Wardrobes, etc	176 00
588	"	14.—Curtains for P. D.	96 00
589	"	14.—Venetian blinds	19 20
590	"	19.—Water closet, first floor	19 00
591	"	35.—Venetian blinds	22 20
592	"	42.—Scuttle, platform, etc.	33 00
593	"	47.—Scuttle	26 00
594	"	50.—Venetian blinds	45 48

App. No.			
595	G. S. No.	55.—Gas jets	$35 50
596	"	57.—Registers, etc.	160 00
597	"	57.—Venetian blinds	25 92
598	"	58.—Stone steps	15 00
599	"	65.—Venetian blinds	176 88
600	"	68.—Flooring, etc.	40 00
601	"	69.—Ash hoist	30 00
602	"	69.—Lantern	10 50
603	"	70.—Roll top desk	17 10
604	"	71.—Roof work	98 50
605	"	77.—Desks and closets	179 00
606	"	77.—Slates	108 80
607	"	79.—Connection for heating water	22 00
608	"	84.—Water supply, etc.	45 00
609	"	90.—Painting, etc.	37 50
610	"	95.—Ventilating apparatus	195 00
611	"	96.—Repairs, etc.	71 50
612	"	102.—Partitions, etc.	67 00
613	P. S. No.	6.—Repairing Venetian blinds	39 25
614	"	8.—Sidewalk	54 00
615	"	12.—Plastering, etc.	40 00
616	"	14.—Wardrobes	140 00
617	"	19.—Glazing, etc.	34 00
618	"	20.—Platform at flag pole	14 00
619	"	21.—Door checks and signs	48 00
620	"	25.—Venetian blinds, etc.	141 84
621	"	26.—Window guards	21 00
622	"	27.—Pupils' desks and seats	128 75
623	"	30.—Teacher's desks	48 50
624	"	31.—Wardrobes, repairs, etc.	45 00
625	"	35.—Radiators, etc.	165 00
626	"	38.—Repairing doors and windows	33 00
627	Park avenue and Ninety-sixth street.—Shades		22 00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

App. No.		
242	G. S. No. 5.—Closet for workshop . .	$369 00
243	P. S. No. 38.—Sidewalk	299 00
245	" 19.—New roof	483 00
246	G. S. No. 99.—Repairing roof . . .	235 00
247	St. Mary's Church.—Pupils' closets . .	700 00
248	G. S. No. 98.—Furniture	625 00
249	P. S. No. 38.—Sidewalk	299 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES, ETC.

App. No.		
130	G. S. No. 24.—Heating apparatus . .	$655 00

Granted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR and HURLBUT—4.

The Committee opened proposals for erecting a new school building at One hundred and seventy-third street and Fulton avenue, received in response to an advertisement soliciting proposals, inserted in the *City Record:*

Luke A. Burke	$264,529 00
Thomas Dwyer	265,000 00
McCabe Bros. (except carpenter work)	248,470 00
Quincey & Crawford	295,428 00
Mahony Bros.	266,000 00
James D. Murphy	258,400 00
Harry McNally	260,000 00
P. J. Brennan	265,000 00
James O'Toole	267,890 00
Thos. Cockerill & Son	294,000 00
P. Gallagher	266,650 00
Jno. F. Johnson	271,115 00

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the proposal of McCabe Bros. be rejected, it being irregular and not including all the work called for in the specifications.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the contract be awarded to James D. Murphy for the sum of $258,400, and that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary appropriation to enable the Committee to execute the contract.

Adopted.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, the following named proposals were received for erecting wings to, and improving the premises and building of Primary School No. 27:

Tolmie & Luyster	$38,384 00
George Telfer	48,569 00
Jenning & Welstead	38,500 00
William Horne	40,231 00
McCabe Bros. (except carpenter work)	28,200 00
Thos. Cockerill & Son	34,900 00
P. Gallagher	42,500 00
Thomas Dwyer	43,300 00
John F. Johnson	39,169 00
Quincey & Crawford	35,350 00

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the proposal of McCabe Bros. be rejected, it being irregular and not including all the work called for in the specifications.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the contract be awarded Thomas Cockerill & Son for the sum of $34,900.00, and that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary appropriation to enable the Committee to execute the contract.

Adopted.

The following communication was received from the City Superintendent:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *December* 28th, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

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on the same plan as Grammar School No. 6, situated at Eighty-fifth street and Madison avenue. This new building is to accommodate the pupils of Grammar School No. 12 and Grammar School No. 31.

These schools contain 2,581 pupils and the number in each department would be, therefore, about 1,300.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
City Superintendent.

Approved.

The Superintendent submitted a complaint from the Board of Health, complaining against the premises No. 350 West Thirty-sixth street, and stating that "this property is owned by the Board of Education, but is now in the hands of the Comptroller for the purpose of obtaining therefrom any revenue pending the time when we shall need the same."

Ordered, That the notice be forwarded to the Comptroller, and that the Board of Health be notified of this action.

From the Board of Health, condemning the premises corner One hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue, occupied as an Annex to Grammar School No. 85.

Referred to the Superintendent to communicate with the Board of Health and ascertain if certain repairs be made whether they will permit the building to be used for school purposes.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending an appropriation of $969.29 for the purchase of 301 boxes of glass of various sizes, as per estimate, Theodore W. Morris & Co., which was accepted November 23, 1896; also, that a storeroom be constructed in the south cellar of Primary School No. 30 for storage of the same.

The glass and matter of storage thereof to be placed in the hands of the Supply Committee.

Granted.

From the Superintendent, submitting proposals received by

him for supplying sash cords, and recommending that the Eddystone White Sash Cord, proposed by Travers Bros. Co., the lowest in price (.1769 cents per lb.), be adopted, and that an appropriation of $88.46 be made from the Buildings Contingent Fund, and that he be authorized to purchase 500 lbs. of the cord recommended, the same to be delivered at the Depository.

Adopted.

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I do not believe that it is within my province to recommend the payment of a sum larger than the amount stated in the resolution without first having the approval of this Committee and the Board of Education.

In conversation with Mr. Barlow, he stated that in "his judg-

ment we were liable for one month's rent, $300, owing to the difficulty of establishing the proper delivery of the keys of the premises through the Trustees. The other $300 was the sum named in the resolution of the Board. That the parties had a suit for $1,200," but through some technicality " the case had so resolved itself that he could effect a settlement for $600," hence the letter. I replied to Mr. Barlow that " the question of the July rent was one of law, and that no doubt his judgment was better than mine, but that the $300 as named in the resolution of the Board was just."

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Sup't of School Buildings.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, *December* 11th, 1896.

SUPREME COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
against
THE MAYOR, ETC., OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

C. B. J. SNYDER, ESQ.,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

SIR:—The plaintiff in the above entitled action is willing to accept $600 in settlement of the same.

Please inform me definitely whether, as I am informed, you consider that an offer of judgment to that amount is proper and should be made.

Respectfully yours,
R. S. BARLOW,
Junior Assistant to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report to the effect that as the balance in the account, "Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of" is insufficient to pay the Inspectors and Draughtsmen employed on said work to January 1, 1897, he respectfully recommended that the following appropriations made September 2, 1896 (see minutes, p. 231), be rescinded, viz.:

App. No. 54.	P. S. No. 44	$199	00
" 55.	" 45	95	00
" 56.	" 46	99	00
" 57.	" 47	95	00

and that the bills incurred on said appropriations be paid from the "Buildings Contingent Fund," and to be designated as follows:

App. No. 236.	P. S. No. 44	$199	00
" 237.	" 45	95	00
" 238.	" 46	99	00
" 239.	" 47	95	00

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent be adopted.

Adopted.

From John H. Goetschius, asking that the certified check which he forfeited on his proposal for making repairs, etc., at G. S. No. 22 (see minutes, p. 442), he having intended to place the amount of his proposal $1,386 for work on G. S. No. 18 instead of G. S. No. 22, be restored to him.

Commissioner ADAMS moved that the request be denied, and that Mr. Goetschius be respectfully notified that he is not entitled to the relief asked for.

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Superintendent appropriations were made from the fund, "Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools, Repairs:"

App. No.			
574	G. S. No.	5.—Police Department, testing boiler, Nov. 23	$2 00
575	"	70.—E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., clocks, Nov. 6	56 00
576	"	45.—Heywood Bros. & Co., chairs, Nov. 7	39 00
577	"	70.—Heywood Bros. & Co., chairs, Nov. 17	33 00
578	"	43.—H. Franklin, glazing, etc., Sept. 29	14 05
579	"	94 Annex.—J. C. Byrne, alterations, Nov. 3	150 54
580	P. S. No.	32.—J. Reeber's Sons, flagpole, front doors stoops, etc., Sept. 30	25 00
581	G. S. No.	6.—P. Greene, sanitary, Aug. 4	17 53
582	P. S. No.	4.—Jno. Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 12	20 83
583	G. S. No.	72.—John Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 13	12 77
584	"	69.—John Neal's Son, heating apparatus, Oct. 19	26 53
585	"	80.—John Buchanan, sanitary, Dec. 1	14 80

The Superintendent recommended that the following named appropriations be made, he having solicited three proposals in each case, and the amount recommended in each case being the lowest estimate, viz.:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.			
586	G. S. No.	5.—Venetian blinds	$101 88
587	"	7.—Wardrobes, etc	176 00
588	"	14.—Curtains for P. D.	96 00
589	"	14.—Venetian blinds	19 20
590	"	19.—Water closet, first floor	19 00
591	"	35.—Venetian blinds	22 20
592	"	42.—Scuttle, platform, etc.	33 00
593	"	47.—Scuttle	26 00
594	"	50.—Venetian blinds	45 48

App. No.			
595	G. S. No. 55.—Gas jets		$35 50
596	" 57.—Registers, etc.		160 00
597	" 57.—Venetian blinds		25 92
598	" 58.—Stone steps		15 00
599	" 65.—Venetian blinds		176 88
600	" 68.—Flooring, etc.		40 00
601	" 69.—Ash hoist		30 00
602	" 69.—Lantern		10 50
603	" 70.—Roll top desk		17 10
604	" 71.—Roof work		98 50
605	" 77.—Desks and closets		179 00
606	" 77.—Slates		108 80
607	" 79.—Connection for heating water		22 00
608	" 84.—Water supply, etc.		45 00
609	" 90.—Painting, etc.		37 50
610	" 95.—Ventilating apparatus		195 00
611	" 96.—Repairs, etc.		71 50
612	" 102.—Partitions, etc.		67 00
613	P. S. No. 6.—Repairing Venetian blinds		39 25
614	" 8.—Sidewalk		54 00
615	" 12.—Plastering, etc.		40 00
616	" 14.—Wardrobes		140 00
617	" 19.—Glazing, etc.		34 00
618	" 20.—Platform at flag pole		14 00
619	" 21.—Door checks and signs		48 00
620	" 25.—Venetian blinds, etc.		141 84
621	" 26.—Window guards		21 00
622	" 27.—Pupils' desks and seats		128 75
623	" 30.—Teacher's desks		48 50
624	" 31.—Wardrobes, repairs, etc.		45 00
625	" 35.—Radiators, etc.		165 00
626	" 38.—Repairing doors and windows		33 00
627	Park avenue and Ninety-sixth street.—Shades		22 00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

App. No.		
242	G. S. No. 5.—Closet for workshop . .	$369 00
243	P. S. No. 38.—Sidewalk	299 00
245	" 19.—New roof	483 00
246	G. S. No. 99.—Repairing roof . . .	235 00
247	St. Mary's Church.—Pupils' closets . .	700 00
248	G. S. No. 98.—Furniture	625 00
249	P. S. No. 38.—Sidewalk	299 00

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES, ETC.

App. No.		
130	G. S. No. 24.—Heating apparatus . .	$655 00

Granted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1896.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman, and Commissioners ADAMS, AGAR and HURLBUT—4.

The Committee opened proposals for erecting a new school building at One hundred and seventy-third street and Fulton avenue, received in response to an advertisement soliciting proposals, inserted in the *City Record:*

Luke A. Burke	$264,529 00
Thomas Dwyer	265,000 00
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James D. Murphy	258,400 00
Harry McNally	260,000 00
P. J. Brennan	265,000 00
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Thos. Cockerill & Son	294,000 00
P. Gallagher	266,650 00
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Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the contract be awarded to James D. Murphy for the sum of $258,400, and that the Board of Education be requested to provide the necessary appropriation to enable the Committee to execute the contract.

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Jenning & Welstead	38,500 00
William Horne	40,231 00
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P. Gallagher	42,500 00
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From Bernard J. Isecke, attorney for William Daniels, contractor, with reference to his claim for payments and contracts for repairs on G. S. Nos. 69 and 87, with interest.

The Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *December* 23*d*, 1896.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In the matter of communication from Mr. Bernard J. Isecke, in the case of Daniels *vs.* Mayor, Aldermen, etc., Mr. Isecke rehearses the fact that the contract of Mr. Daniels with the Board of Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward to repair G. S. No. 69 and the action before the Supreme Court in relation to this Board refusing to issue final payment upon the work, which is brought about by the enforcement of a lien of $235 and costs, which was assigned by a sub-contractor to John C. Orr & Co. He rehearses the amounts due August 31st, 1896, as $638.62, and says that he is informed "that the Corporation Counsel approves of the justness of my client's claim and advises payment."

In relation to this matter I would say that the only communication we have received from the Counsel to the Corporation in this matter is one advising us in regard to the judgment in the Orr matter, $235, with interests and costs, and I would respectfully suggest that the case be referred to the Counsel of the Corporation for his advice as to whether or not we should issue warrants for the moneys named in Mr. Isecke's communication.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Commissioner AGAR moved that the suggestions of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

From Mr. Isidor Strauss, President of the Educational Alliance, whose home is at East Broadway and Jefferson Street, urging upon the Board the importance of taking up without delay the

building of additional school houses for that neighborhood; also to place roof gardens and swimming tanks in the new schools.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that Mr. Strauss be notified that it is the opinion of the Committee that it would be wise to place playgrounds on the roof of new buildings in this locality, but they deem it not wise at the present time to place swimming tanks in the schools in question.

Adopted.

Annex G. S. No. 34.—The Superintendent reported that he had been informed that the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, who has the matter of acquisition of new sites in hand, believes that we will obtain possession of the property in the rear of Grammar School No. 34, in from six to eight weeks. He therefore thought it proper to advertise for proposals for the erection of the new Annex, award the contract and have it approved by the Board of Education and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and if necessary delay the execution of the work until such time as we can get possession of the new premises.

The recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

The Superintendent requested an appropriation of $61.20 for purchase of two desks and chairs for his office.

Granted.

G. S. No. 91.—From the City Superintendent; reporting that we need additional accommodation in Grammar School No. 91. As the Janitor has moved from the building, his apartments can be immediately converted into classrooms. Recommending that if possible, three classrooms be arranged and fitted up for about fourth or fifth grade Grammar pupils; also suggesting that a room be fitted up for a library.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a sketch for proposed alterations to convert Janitor's apartments, Grammar School No. 91, into two classrooms and a library.

The report of the Superintendent was approved.

G. S. No. 63.—From the Counsel to the Corporation; stating that there can be no objection to proceeding with the letting of the contract, etc., for a new school building for Grammar School No. 63, at One hundred and seventy-third street, since the title to street and avenue has been vested in the city.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent reported that he would recommend to the Board, with the approval of the Committee, that John Smith, Janitor Grammar School No. 43, be transferred to Grammar School No. 103, and that Adolph Maisch be appointed to the Janitorship of Grammar School No. 43 *vice* Smith, transferred.

Approved.

G. S. No. 98.—From James A. Gamble, Janitor, asking for information as to whether a teacher is allowed to keep pupils in their rooms after 3:30 o'clock P. M., in violation of Rule No. 16, enacted for the regulation of Janitor's duties.

Referred to the City Superintendent, for his opinion as to the right of teachers, under the by-laws, to detain children in school after 3:30 o'clock P. M.

The Superintendant reported that on December 15, 1896, he had placed on duty in the Draughting Room, Mr. G. M. Robinson, at a salary of $15 per week, payable from the Bond Account.

Approved and to be reported to the Board for confirmation.

From the Social Labor Party relative to the denial of their application to use Grammar School No. 96, for a meeting on November 15, 1896 (Sunday); also, requesting the use of available schools for meeting purposes.

A report was presented to the Board by this Committee, denying the application for the reason, " that it has not been the practice of this Board to permit the use of school buildings for purposes not directly connected with the Public Schools " (Journal Board of Education, p. 1486).

Commissioner AGAR moved to report to the Board that it

is the opinion of the Committee that we have no legal right to open the schools for other than school purposes.

Adopted.

From Wm. H. Flitner, asking permission to hold a fair in the upper story of Grammar School No. 52.

Denied for the same reasons as stated in the preceding application.

From the residents of West Morrisania requesting the Board to build a school west of Railroad avenue and One hundred and sixty-first and One hundred and sixty-fourth streets.

Inasmuch as the Board owns no property in this locality, the matter was referred to the Committee on Sites.

From George W. Finley, Secretary Good Government Club B, relative to school accommodations, etc., and requesting the Board to open Evening Schools in Grammar Schools Nos. 54 and 93.

Referred to the City Superintendent.

G. S. No. 79.—From the Principal of Grammar School No. 79 to have classrooms arranged on the fifth story of the school.

The Superintendent and City Superintendent approved of this request.

On motion of Commissioner HURLBUT the request was granted.

P. S. No. 35, Annex.—The Superintendent submitted a sketch plan for alterations to Janitor's apartments in the Annex into playground of Kindergarten room.

Approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the following named appropriations were made:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.		
634.	G. S. No. 17.—Spring butts	$17 00
635.	" 28.—Repairing Venetian blinds	18 50
636.	" 83.—Repairing roof	48 00
637.	" 95.—Checks, springs, etc.	16 00
638.	" 99.—Cupola, board walks, etc.	89 00
639.	P. S. No. 11.—Gas fixtures	11 00
640.	G. S. No. 63.—Cleaning, etc., vaults	23 00
641.	P. S. No. 45.— " "	17 00
642.	G. S. No. 65.— " "	25 00
643.	" 100.— " "	20 00
644.	P. S. No. 33.— " "	35 00
645.	" 38.— " "	20 00

The Superintendent reported that he had made the following named appropriations from the Buildings Contingent Fund:

App. No.		
210.	Removing old building adjoining G. S. No. 62	$25 00
211.	Covering column, G. S. No. 50	18 00
213.	Resetting, etc., furniture, Annex G. S. No. 57	18 00
214.	Sections on radiator, G. S. No. 6	38 50
215.	Repairing radiators, G. S. No. 67	38 50
217.	Drawing boards and horses, Nos. 419–421 Broome street	85 00
218.	Partitions, Nos. 419–421 Broome street	80 00
222.	Flagging, G. S. No. 73	20 00
223.	Gas fixtures and repairs, G. S. No. 22	87 85
224.	Stove work, P. S. No. 43	32 00
225.	Faucets, etc., G. S. No. 18	15 00
229.	Repairing engine and pipe, G. S. No. 10	32 00
230.	Repairing exhaust pipes to engine, G. S. No. 79	33 21
235.	Telephone connections Superintendent's office with Draughting rooms	88 50

Approved.

From the Superintendent requesting to transfer Mr. W. G. De Lamater, Inspector, from the Bond account, to the Repair account at a salary of $4.50 per day for actual service, dating from Dec. 21, 1896, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

Approved and to be reported to the Board for confirmation.

An extension of time was granted for the completion of the following named contracts:

G. S. No. 3—Repairs, etc.—John H. Goetschius, contractor; dated May 13, 1896; extended to December 19, 1896.

G. S. No. 28—Repairs, etc.—John Law, contractor; dated July 17, 1896; extended to Dec. 21, 1896.

G. S. No. 49—Heating and Ventilating—Blake & Williams, contractors; dated June 22, 1896, extended to December 22, 1896.

G. S. No. 54—Repairs, etc.—John Law, contractor; dated September 21, 1896; extended to December 21, 1896.

Eighty-eighth street, bet. Second and Third avenues.—Heating and Ventilating, the westerly half—Blake & Williams, contractors; dated Feb. 21, 1896; extended to December 22, 1896.

The Committee approved the following named final certificates of payments on contracts:

John H. Goetschius,	Repairs G. S. No. 3 . .	$800.
John Law,	" G. S. No. 28 . .	1054.
Blake & Williams,	Heating and Ventilating G. S. No. 49	2179.
John Law,	Repairs, etc. G. S. No. 54 . . .	490.
Blake & Williams,	Heating and Ventilating W. half Eighty-eighth street, bet. Second and Third avenues	679.50

On recommendation of the Superintendent the following named appropriations were made, he having solicited three proposals in each case, and the amount recommended in each case being the lowest estimate;

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No.		
131.	G. S. No. 57.—Additional heating apparatus .	$225 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.

App. No.		
628.	G. S. No. 64.—Door checks	$95 00
629.	G. S. No. 75.—Teacher's desks	64 00
630.	G. S. No. 83.—Repairing wardrobes, etc. . .	54 00
631.	G. S. No. 4.—Repairing stone stairway . .	76 50
632.	G. S. No. 6.—Painting	34 00
633.	Ninety-sixth street and Park avenue (store)—Flooring and flagpole . .	140 00

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.

App. No.		
252.	G. S. No. 87.—Altering Janitor's apartment .	$387 00
253.	G. S. No. 89.—Altering 1st story, forming additional classrooms . . .	245 00
254.	G. S. No. 18.—Filling 6 openings on 2d, 3d, and 4th stories to Annex . .	235 00
255.	P. S. No. 14.—Sanitary work	200 00

The Committee opened proposals for the following described work, and appropriated the following named amounts from the Buildings Contingent Fund, the amount in each case being the proposal of the lowest bidder:

256.	G. S. No. 63.—Alterations, enlarging play room, office, etc.	$415 00
257.	G. S. No. 87.—Alterations to form Kindergarten, etc. office	474 00
258.	P. S. No. 14.—Alterations, 1st and 2d stories, office, etc.	500 00
259.	St. Mary's Church—Repairs, etc. . . .	848 00

P. S. No. 9.—Lease of premises corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue, which expired October 1, 1896.

Judge McKean and Mr. Smith, representing Mr. Ruppert, the owner of the premises in question, appeared before the Committee and stated that they would submit the lease heretofore submitted by Mr. Ruppert for amendment, by striking out the clause requiring this Board to pay the taxes on the property.

The Committee decided that if the clause referred to was stricken out, the form of the lease would be acceptable.

The Committee decided that hereafter, in preparing contracts for the purchase of new pianos, the Insurance clause be omitted.

Commissioner AGAR offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Sites be requested to inform the Committee on Buildings as to what sites for new schools and annexes, the proceedings to acquire title to which have advanced sufficiently to warrant the Committee on Buildings in proceeding to prepare plans and specifications to improve the same.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

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